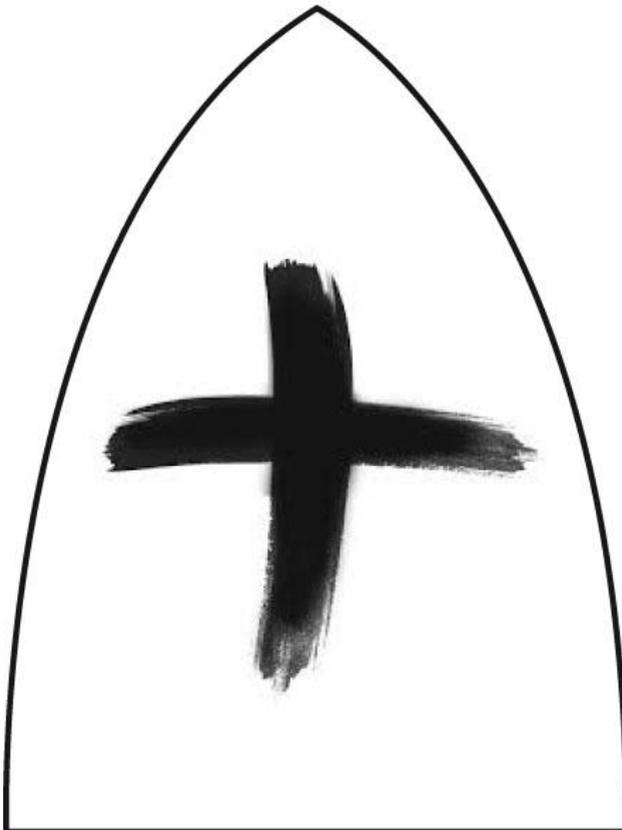




GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
22 February 2026

FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
CATHEDRAL
EUCHARIST



WELCOME

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent enables us to prepare for Easter, the most important festival of the church year. Easter is the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This connection explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial and study, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

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 is normally held on the second 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.

MUSIC SETTING

Missa Brevis Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

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.

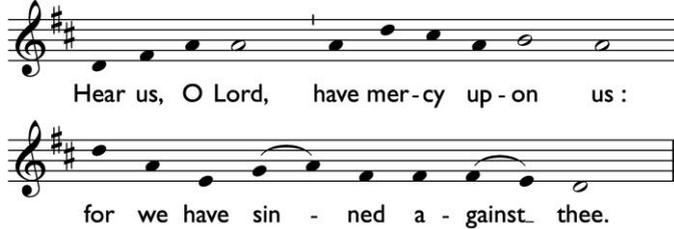
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THE GATHERING

THE LENT PROSE

The verses are sung by the choir.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up - on us :
for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

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

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.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for grace that we may keep a holy Lent.

A moment of silent prayer.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

FIRST READING Genesis 2.15–17, 3.1-7
read by Jeremiah (a chorister)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32

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



Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven :
and whose sin is covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt :
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For I held my tongue :
my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night :
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. *Response*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you :
and my iniquity I did not hide.

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' :
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful
make their prayers to you in time of trouble :
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble :
you surround me with songs of deliverance. *Response*

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go :
I will guide you with my eye.

Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding :
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not
stay near you.'

Great tribulations remain for the wicked :
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord :
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *Response*

Chant: George Mursell Garrett (1834–1897)

SECOND READING Romans 5.12–19 read by Marion Roberts

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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.



Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4.1-11

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,
and “On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written,
“Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the
kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these
I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”’

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



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

Sit

SERMON The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst

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 Canon Rachel Young

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

Sit or

kneel

The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In conclusion

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Stand **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THE PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

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

Deacon Let us offer once another a sign of peace.

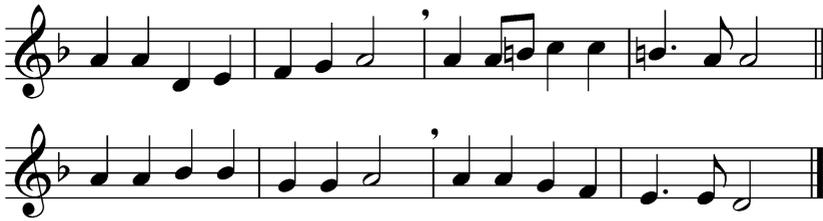
All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



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



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

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

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

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

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

*Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870) and Francis Pott (1832-1909)
Music: CP 95, Aus der Tiefe (Heinlein), Melody by 'M.H' in Nürnbergisches
Gesangbuch, 1676, possibly by Martin Herbst (1654-1681)*

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

God of wisdom,
may the light of your eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
we ask this in his name.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President:



The__ Lord__ be with you.

All:



And__ al - so with you.

President:



Lift up your__ hearts.__

All:



We lift them to__ the Lord.__

President:



Let us give thanks__ to__ the Lord__ our God.

All:



It is right to give thanks__ and praise.__

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

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

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 All

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus: Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,
ris - ing you re-stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

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:

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with lyrics: "Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and pow'r be". The second staff is in G major and 7/8 time, with lyrics: "yours for ev - er and ev-er. A - - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like.

*Sit or
kneel*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

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.**

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 at the station on the left (north side).

AGNUS DEI

Choir Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION MOTET

Media vita in morte sumus
quem quaerimus adiutorem
nisi te, Domine,
qui pro peccatis nostris
juste irascaris?

*In the midst of life we are in death
of whom may we seek for succour,
but of thee, O Lord,
who for our sins
art justly displeased?*

Sancte Deus,	<i>Holy God,</i>
sancte fortis,	<i>Holy mighty,</i>
sancte et misericors Salvator:	<i>Holy and merciful:</i>
amarae morti ne	<i>deliver us not unto bitter death.</i>

Words: Antiphona de Morte attributed to Notker (c.840-912)

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.



Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.



O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

And that the higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: CP 557(i), Gerontius, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

DISMISSAL

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Attende Domine Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.45am 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 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

12.30pm Thursday

9.30am Saturday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday *during a Prayer Vigil for Bishop Andrew (see below)*

Tuesday, Wednesday *sung by Ibstock Choristers*, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY | MARCH

7.45am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *with baptisms*

6pm Choral Evensong

PRAYER VIGIL FOR BISHOP ANDREW

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY, 12noon to 10pm

Following last week's sad news of Bishop Andrew's terminal cancer diagnosis, the Bishop's Leadership Team has organised a Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 23 February from 12 noon to 10pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join us at any

stage during the day, for as long as you are able to stay. There will be opportunity for silent prayer, to pray with others, or to light a candle.

You are warmly invited to Choral Evensong at 5.30pm, when the Diocesan family will join together and pray in particular for Bishop Andrew and his family. After Evensong, there will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to light a candle and to receive the ministry of laying on of hands and anointing.

Teams from each Deanery will be present throughout the day to welcome people and to pray with them, and the day will finish with Night Prayer, which will begin at 9.45pm and end at 10pm.

LENT TALKS

Following the success of our Advent series, we're delighted to announce that post-service talks will return for the first four Sundays of Lent and you are welcome to join us at 11.30am after the Eucharist in the Chapter House, for reflection and discussion until 12.15pm. All welcome.

TODAY Sun 22 February – Lent and Liturgy (Canon Rachel Young)
Sun 1 March – Lent and Confession (Very Revd Bob Cooper, Dean)
Sun 8 March – Lent and Humility (Revd Jo Winn-Smith, Minor Canon)
Sun 15 March – Lent and Self-Discipline (Canon Chris Hollingshurst)

OBSERVING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

During Lent we will be holding a weekly observance of the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral nave. During this service we reflect on images of Christ's Passion, sing a hymn, hear a Bible reading and pray. These will be held on the following dates, starting at 1pm:

Thursday 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.”

LAST CALL FOR THIS WEEK’S DINNER AND BLUES EVENT!

Carla, James, and the Seasons Cafe team invite you to a special event, when Canon Chris’ blues duo will be playing for the last time in Seasons Cafe THIS Thursday evening (26th February).

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. For catering reasons, **please book by the end of tomorrow (Monday 23rd)**, specifying your choice of meal, if you intend coming. The Seasons team, not to mention Chris and Danny, would love to welcome as many of you as possible.

CANON CHRIS HOLLINGSBURST

INSTALLATION IN DIOCESE OF ELY SATURDAY 18 APRIL

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

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

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

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR CHRIS AND KATHY HOLLINGSBURST

Canon Chris and Kathy’s last service at Guildford Cathedral will be the Cathedral Eucharist at 9.45am on Sunday 22 March. To show our appreciation for the contribution Chris has made during his time with us, we will be holding a

reception after the service. A card to express our thanks is available to sign. The Stewards will have it each Sunday until Sunday 15 March, so please do take a moment to add your message. If you would also like to contribute towards a leaving gift, donations can be made by bank transfer using the following details:

- Account Name: Guildford Cathedral
- Account Number: 58063021
- Sort Code: 60-09-50
- Reference: *Chris leaving*

(cut-off date for donations is 12pm on Monday 9 March)

We hope as many of you as possible will join us on 22 March to wish Chris and Kathy every happiness on their new adventure. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hatherall at deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

SERVE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP

Have you ever considered playing a more active part in our cathedral services? We are looking for people willing to serve as servers, Eucharistic Ministers, intercessors, readers or Sunday School leaders.

Our next training session for leading intercessions is straight after the Eucharist on Sunday 8 March – please let Canon Rachel know if you are coming!

You certainly don't need to take on all of these - even offering for just one would be a tremendous blessing to our worshipping community. No experience is necessary; full training will be given, and you will find yourself supported every step of the way. Please don't be shy about coming forward. If you have ever felt that quiet nudge to get more involved, this may be just the moment to respond. To find out more, or to offer your name, please have a word with Canon Rachel Young who would be delighted to hear from you. Dean Bob

ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

In preparation for Canon Chris' move to another post, from today (Sunday 22 February) and going forwards, please now contact the Dean's Virger and his team on 01483 547877 or via 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 .

LIVESTREAMING

Our livestreamed services are a vital part of our cathedral's mission, enabling people across the world to share in worship and stay connected with our community. Whether through illness, distance, or other circumstances, many rely on these broadcasts to participate in the life of the cathedral. We are in real need of new volunteers to join our livestreaming team. No previous experience is necessary - full training will be provided.

If you might be able to help with this important ministry, please do consider joining us. To find out more, please contact Canon Rachel Young. Dean Bob

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Cathedral will be holding the annual Diocesan Confirmation Service here on Saturday 23 May at 7pm. Confirmation is an opportunity for you to confirm the baptism vows made for you by your parents, if you were baptised as a young child. If you are an adult who has not been baptised, you can be baptised and confirmed together in this service. If you are interested in confirming your Christian faith in this way and committing yourself to follow Jesus Christ, please speak to a member of the clergy team who will be able to give you more details.

THE REVEREND CANON RACHEL YOUNG

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

THE TIME OF SUNDAY EVENSONG

Last November, we conducted a survey amongst stakeholders about the time of Evensong on Sundays. The results were fairly equally balanced, with roughly 40% for changing the time, 40% for not changing, and 20% who didn't mind. On reflection, the Chapter has decided not to change the time of Evensong for the time, being so that it remains at 6pm.

BBC RADIO 3 CHORAL EVENSONG – 9 MARCH

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

FRIENDS' LUNCH CLUB – SUNDAY 1 MARCH

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral organise lunches once a month on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for Friends and non-friends. Our next Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday 1 March 2026. We will be meeting at 12.15pm at Horse and Groom, Merrow, GUI 2RG.

Your food order will need to be placed a week before the day of the meal. Please come and join the Friends for lunch.

A menu can be emailed to you by contacting Yvette Wright, Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral (tel 07851 371590 or email friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk)

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT – ART EXHIBITION

In March and April St. Mary's Church in Quarry Street is hosting an exhibition of twenty-five pieces of art from the Methodist Modern Art Collection - one of the most significant collections of 20th and 21st century religious art in Europe. This is an extraordinary opportunity to view and gain spiritually from these amazing paintings.

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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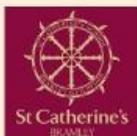
Katherine Dienes-Williams (Organist and Master of the Choristers)

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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.



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FREE ADMISSION

Girl Choristers' CONCERT

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

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

SATURDAY

28 FEBRUARY

7.30pm

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

TICKETS - Free of charge, donations are welcome
from Cathedral Box Office:

[https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/
events/boxoffice](https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice)

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

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