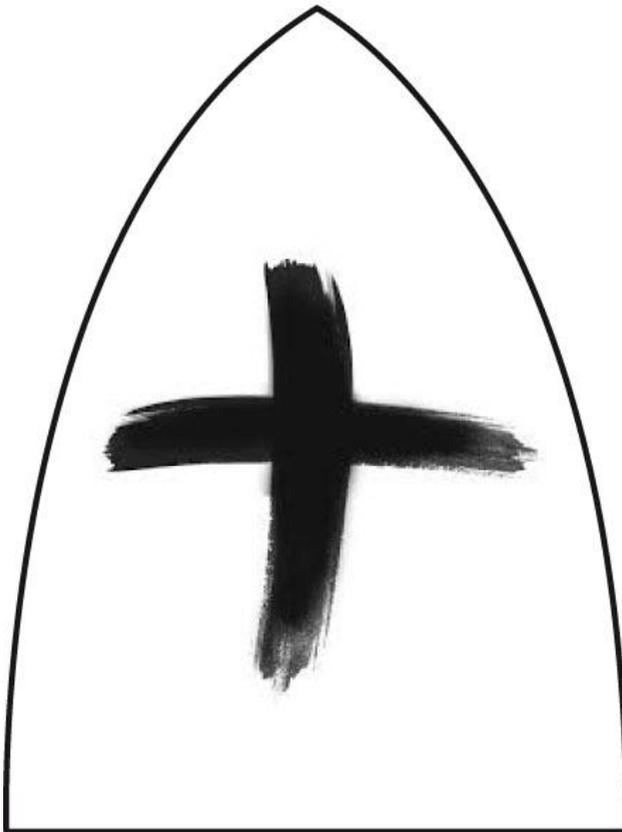




GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

9.45am  
1 March 2026

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
CATHEDRAL  
EUCCHARIST with  
Holy Baptism



# WELCOME

## HOLY BAPTISM

Today we welcome the family and friends of Azaiah Luca Webb and Nicholas Webb (Nick) his father, who will be baptized during this morning's service.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christians, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with these new members of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism.

And as a sign of that new life, there is a lighted candle, a symbol of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives. As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' *John 10.10*

## 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 baptized 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**

A Sunday School for children aged 3-11 years will be held TODAY in the Exhibition Room – please ask a steward for directions. 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. We also have activity bags available for children to use – please ask a steward to show you where they are.

## **MUSIC SETTING**

Mass for the Mystery of Faith *Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (b. 1992)*

## **PRESIDENT AND PREACHER**

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

Stand

# 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**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

**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,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Genesis 12.1-4a read by Ella (a chorister)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you

will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

## **PSALM 121**

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



I lift up my eyes to the hills :  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord :  
the maker of heaven and earth. *Response*

He will not suffer your foot to stumble :  
he who watches over you will not sleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel :  
shall neither slumber nor sleep. *Response*

The Lord himself watches over you :  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day :  
neither the moon by night. *Response*

The Lord shall keep you from all evil :  
it is he who shall keep your soul.  
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in :  
from this time forth and for evermore. *Response*

*Chant: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

## **SECOND READING** Romans 4.1-5,13-17 read by Sandeep Pudota

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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.*



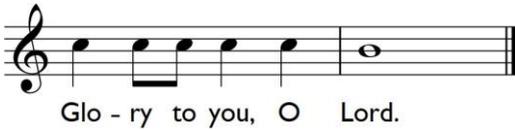
*Choir* The Son of Man must be lifted up that  
whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



### **GOSPEL READING** John 3.1-17

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

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



There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the



Nick, do you wish to be baptized?

**I do.**

We thank God for Nick and Azaiah who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

Will you support them on their journey of faith?

**We will.**

*The president then addresses Azaiah's parents and godparents.*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Azaiah today.

Will you pray for them,

and help them to follow Christ?

**We will.**

## **THE DECISION**

*The president addresses Azaiah through his parents and godparents*

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

*When all the candidates have been signed, the president says*

Do not be ashamed of Christ.  
You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him  
against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

*The president pours water into the font and stands before it*

We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers  
to baptize all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The president addresses the whole congregation.*

Let us affirm,  
together with these who are being baptized,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **BAPTISM**

Nick, is this your faith?

**This is my faith.**

*The president pours water on each candidate, saying*

N, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The president prays for Nick and Azaiah*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

*The candidates, parents, supporters and godparents return to their seats.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** led by Kathy Hollingshurst

*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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### *Stand*    **THE WELCOME AND PEACE**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Azaiah and Nick, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.  
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*The newly baptized are welcomed with applause.*

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

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

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

## HYMN



I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast’:  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live’:  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.



I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
    and all thy day be bright':  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
    in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
    till travelling days are done.

*Words: Horatio Bonar (1808-1889)*

*Music: CP 469 Kingsfold, English folksong from English Country Songs (1893) harmonised  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

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

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 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>	<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 on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of eight measures: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

*All:*



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

The musical notation for the All's part is on a single staff in G major. It consists of eight measures: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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 on a single staff in G major. It consists of four measures: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

*Sit or  
kneel*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

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**

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.**

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## **AGNUS DEI**

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</i>

## **COMMUNION MOTET**

<i>Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus; ne subito praeoccupati die mortis, quaeramus spatium poenitentiae, et invenire non possimus. Attende, Domine, et miserere; quia peccavimus tibi. Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster, et propter honorem nominis tui libera nos.</i>	<i>Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance; lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it. Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee. Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the honour of thy name deliver us.</i>
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*Words: Matins responsory on Ash Wednesday  
Music: Brooke Shelley (b. 1975)*

Stand

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

*A moment of silent prayer.*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

### **THE BLESSING**

God,  
who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,  
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The president gives each of the newly baptized a lighted candle lit from the Paschal Candle. When all the newly baptized have received a candle, the president says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## 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.*



Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.



Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*

*Music: CP 81 Lord of the Years, Michael Baughen (b. 1930)*

*arranged by David Iliff (1939-2024)*

## **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**

Prelude & Fugue in D minor *Clara Schumann (1819-1896)*

# 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 *with baptisms*

**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, Thursday, Friday

**9.30am** Saturday

**Choral Evensong**

**5.30pm** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8 MARCH

**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

## LENT TALKS

We continue the post-service talks today 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 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 continue to hold 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. You are welcome to join us on the following dates, starting at 1pm:

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."

## **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. We will ask for a prompt exit afterwards so that any re-recording of various parts can take place if necessary.

## **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](mailto:deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org)

## **SERVE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP**

Have you ever considered playing a more active part in our cathedral services? We are looking for people willing to serve as servers, Eucharistic Ministers, intercessors, readers or Sunday School leaders. You certainly don't need to take on all of these - even offering for just one would be a tremendous blessing to our worshipping community. No experience is necessary; full training will be given, and you will find yourself supported every step of the way. Please don't be shy about coming forward. If you have ever felt that quiet nudge to get more involved, this may be just the moment to respond. To find out more, or to offer your name, please have a word with Canon Rachel Young who would be delighted to hear from you. Dean Bob

## **ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION**

In preparation for Canon Chris' move to another post, from today (Sunday 1 March) and going forwards, please now 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) .

## **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 baptized as a young child. If you are an adult who has not been baptized, you can be baptized 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:joy.allen@btinternet.com) or phone 07768 476323).

## **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 currently still have 4 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

## **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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