



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
15 March 2026

MOTHERING
SUNDAY
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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY DAFFODILS

This morning, we celebrate and thank God for all who have mothered us. As you leave the cathedral today there are daffodils for you to collect.

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 from the station on the left (north) side at the front.

COLLECTION

Your support makes a real difference to the ministry and mission of Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the west doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write 'contactless donation' on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. We also welcome the donation of foreign coins and notes; please see the notice at the back of this booklet. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and the response to the Psalm and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

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 is normally 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.

MUSIC SETTING

Mass in G minor *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

GUEST CONDUCTOR

We welcome today Dr. David Hill as guest conductor of the Cathedral Choir, who has been working with our choristers in a choral workshop this weekend. His talent has been recognised by his appointments as Chief Conductor of the BBC Singers, Musical Director of The Bach Choir, Chief Conductor of Southern Sinfonia, Music Director of Leeds Philharmonic Society and Associate Guest conductor of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate by the University of Southampton in 2002 in recognition of his Services to Music.

GIRL CHORISTERS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

You are invited to listen to the girl choristers performing an informal instrumental concert at the west end of the Cathedral after this morning's service, whilst refreshments are served. Today's Lent talk will begin after the concert, in the Chapter House (Canon Chris Hollingshurst talking about Lent and Discipline) for forty-five minutes.

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this morning is The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford and the preacher is The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, Priest Vicar and Minor Canon.

Stand

THE GATHERING

HYMN



When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair;
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

My tongue shall never tire
of chanting with the choir,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
this song of sacred joy,
it never seems to cloy,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
the powers of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear,
 may Jesus Christ be praised.



Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
 may Jesus Christ be praised:
be this the eternal song
through ages all along,
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

Words: German, 19th century, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: CP 619 (omit v.2) Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

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.

THE BLESSING OF FLOWERS

On this Mothering Sunday as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus, all who have mothered us, and the Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese, let us pray a blessing over these flowers, which will remind us of the love of God as God mothers us, too.

The flowers are sprinkled with holy water.

Let us pray

A moment of silence

Lord God,
we thank you for the gift of these flowers
which remind us of the love of Mary for Jesus and God for us all.
Bless their use we pray,
that those who receive them
will know the love with which they are given.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon 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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

A moment of silent prayer

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Samuel I.20-28 read by Helen Roche

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

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

PSALM 34.11-20

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



Come, my children, and listen to me :

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is there who delights in life :

and longs for days to enjoy good things?

Keep your tongue from evil :

and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good :

seek peace and pursue it. *Response*

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous :

and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil :

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them :

and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted :

and will save those who are crushed in spirit. *Response*

Many are the troubles of the righteous :

from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones :

so that not one of them is broken. *Response*

Chant: Sydney Watson (1903-1991)

SECOND READING Colossians 3.12-17 read by Ella (a chorister)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 Blessed is the Virgin Mary who treasured the word of God,
and pondered it in her heart.

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.33-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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

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 Jo Winn-Smith

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 Reverend Canon Rachel Young

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

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

Stand **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THE PEACE

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



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

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

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

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

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

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

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our 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.__

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

<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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How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
 As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
 you embraced a people as your own.
 When they turned away and rebelled
 your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
 to be the living bread,
 in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
 and with a love stronger than death
 he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon:

Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

All:

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

Father, we plead with confidence
 his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
 we remember his dying and rising in glory,
 and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
 these gifts of your creation;
 may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
 form us in the likeness of Christ,
 and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary and all the saints
 to the vision of that eternal splendour
 for which you have created us;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 by whom, with whom, and in whom,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

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

*Sit or
kneel*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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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>Ave verum corpus natum de Mariae virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine; cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit cum sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu fili Mariae, tu nobis miserere. Amen.</i>	<i>Hail, true Body, born of Mary, spotless Virgin's virgin birth, Thou who truly hangedst weary on the cross for sons of earth; Thou whose sacred side was riven, whence the water flowed and blood, O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given at death's hour to be our food: O most kind Jesus! O gracious Jesus! O holy Mary's Son Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen.</i>
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Words: 14th century attr. Pope Innocent VI (1282-1362)

Music: Peter Philips (c. 1560-1628)

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.

Amen.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: Luke 1.46-55, Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music: CP 362 Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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.

Please receive some flowers as you leave, particularly if you are or have a mother or someone who acts in that capacity in your life.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 3(i) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

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 for Mothering Sunday

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

9.30am Saturday

12.30pm Thursday

Evening Prayer

5.30pm Wednesday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Friday *with the Salesian College Choir and Cathedral Choir as part of the Evensong Project*

Choral Eucharist

5.30pm Thursday *for Joseph of Nazareth*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 22 MARCH Passion Sunday

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 a reception for Canon Chris and Kathy Hollingshurst on their final Sunday with us before moving.*

6pm Choral Evensong

BISHOP ANDREW WATSON

The funeral of our beloved Bishop Andrew will take place in Guildford Cathedral on Monday 23 March at 12 noon. Bishop Paul wrote to the diocese on Wednesday with details of how we can make this service available to as many people as possible whilst recognising that the Cathedral will not be large enough to accommodate all who will wish to come. For that reason, with the help of Area Deans, a church has been identified in each deanery which will live stream the service to enable people to worship with the congregation in the Cathedral.

A list of these churches is on the diocesan website

(cofeguildford.org.uk) We encourage members of the Cathedral congregations to make use of this facility because seats in the Cathedral will be prioritised for the family and friends of Bishop Andrew; bishops with whom he served in the Church of England and further afield; clergy of the diocese with whom he shared the cure of souls; representatives of different ministries within the diocese and nation; and representatives of the wider life of our part of Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex and Greater London. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to pray for Beverly, Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and the whole family.

LENT TALKS

We conclude our post-service talks on Sunday mornings today and you are welcome to join us after the Eucharist and the Girl Choristers' Instrumental Concert in the Chapter House, for reflection and discussion for 45 minutes. All welcome. The subject is:

Lent and Self-Discipline (Canon Chris Hollingshurst) *This session will begin later than 11.30am, after the Girl Choristers' Instrumental Concert finishes.*

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 20 March

Friday 27 March

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 TODAY Sunday 15 March, so please do take a moment to add your message. 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.

CANON CHRIS INSTALLATION – MINIBUS TRAVEL

Canon Chris will be installed as Team Rector in the Diocese of Ely on Saturday 18 April at 2.30pm. If you would be interested in reserving a seat on a minibus travelling to the service, please contact the Dean's PA, Lisa, by TOMORROW Monday 16 March. Email: deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org, Telephone: 01483 547862. Lisa will be in touch to confirm the cost and further details.

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 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. 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 - speak to Canon Rachel Young or email her (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org).

ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

In preparation for Canon Chris' move to another post, from today 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 (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org). 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.

ENGLISH SACRED CHORAL MUSIC – LIVING HERITAGE

Cathedral Music Trust is leading a national initiative to recognise English sacred choral music as part of the UK's submission to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. Members of the congregation who wish to support this recognition are warmly invited to find out more and sign the petition by scanning this QR code:



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).

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

ACCOMMODATION FOR TENOR

Eden Devaney is a tenor who will be down in the Guildford area in the months of June-July on a contract with Grange Park Opera in West Horsley. He is asking if there might be any accommodation available possibly from a member of our congregation. Please contact the music dept if you would like to help him, email liturgymusic@guildford-cathedral.org phone 01483 547868 in the first instance.

FRIENDS LUNCH CLUB – SUNDAY 12 APRIL

You are welcome to join the Friends for their monthly Sunday Lunch. We usually have lunch on the first Sunday in the month, but as April's first Sunday is Easter Sunday, we are meeting on the following Sunday 12 April 2026. A table has been booked at 12 noon at The Olive Tree, Sutton Green Road, Sutton Green, Guildford GU4 7QD. As we could be a large group of people, the restaurant has asked that we pre-order food in advance, so they can serve us quickly and efficiently. Please select your choice of starter and main course, with any allergies you may have, and let me know on or before Saturday 4 April 2026.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our grand total has increased to £32,227 following recent donations. Many thanks to all who have contributed. The scheme welcomes gifts of foreign (and UK) banknotes and coins - anything from a few coins to large accumulations and collections. Some supporters are putting aside current UK coppers and small silver as well. The age, validity and country of origin of the currency is not important. Donations can be left with the sacristy or at the office, labelled for

