



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
1 February 2026

CANDLEMAS CHORAL FESTAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

This Principal Feast Day of the church is also known as Candlemas or - in the Book of Common Prayer - The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin. It occurs on 2 February (and has been transferred to today, 1 Feb) and recalls the occasion when the 40-day old baby Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem so that Mary and Joseph could give thanksgiving for his safe delivery and Mary's recovery from childbirth. Two people who lived in Jerusalem and who had been waiting for God's Messiah discerned the Messiah in Jesus. In the midst of their joy there were also poignant words given to Joseph and Mary. Simeon foretells the opposition that Jesus' ministry will encounter and the suffering that this will cause his mother, saying to her, 'a sword will pierce through your own soul also'. Anna becomes the first evangelist, 'speaking of the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.' Candlemas has a pivotal nature as it marks the end of the celebration of the Incarnation (the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany), and we turn towards the weeks that approach Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns 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.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

CANTICLES

Service in E Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst and The Reverend Canon Bev Hunt is the preacher.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music.

Stand OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst

HYMN



Hail to the Lord who comes,
comes to his temple gate,
not with his angel host,
not in his kingly state:
no shouts proclaim him nigh,
no crowds his coming wait.

But, borne upon the throne
of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her duteous love,
in her fond arms at rest;
thus to his Father's house
he comes, the heavenly guest.

There Joseph at her side
in reverent wonder stands;
and, filled with holy joy,
old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised child,
the glory of all lands.

Hail to the great First-born,
whose ransom-price they pay,
the Son before all worlds,
the child of man to-day,
that he might ransom us
who still in bondage lay.

O Light of all the earth,
thy children wait for thee:
come to thy temples here,
that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face
may all presented be.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: CP 94 Old 120th, melody Thomas Este's Psalter (1592)

harmony Ravenscroft's Psalmes (1621)

PSALMS 122, 132

I was glad when they said unto me :
 we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates :
 O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city :
 that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord :
 to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement :
 even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
 they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls :
 and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes :
 I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God :
 I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;
 world without end. Amen.

Chant: Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

Lord, remember David :
 and all his trouble;
How he sware unto the Lord :
 and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house :
 nor climb up into my bed;
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber :
 neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord :
 an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata :
and found it in the wood.
We will go into his tabernacle :
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place :
thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness :
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
For thy servant David's sake :
turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David :
and he shall not shrink from it;
Of the fruit of thy body :
shall I set upon thy seat.
If thy children will keep my covenant,
and my testimonies that I shall learn them :
their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself :
he hath longed for her.
This shall be my rest for ever :
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
I will bless her victuals with increase :
and will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will deck her priests with health :
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
There shall I make the horn of David to flourish :
I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame :
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Stand Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Haggai 2.1-9 read by Harriet Foges

The first lesson is written in the second chapter of the book Haggai, beginning at the first verse.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, 'Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?' Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Here ends the first lesson.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon:

This day the Blessed Virgin Mary did present her son Jesus in the temple: and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, received him in his arms, and blessed the Lord

My soul doth magnify the Lord :

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :

the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :

all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

This day the Blessed Virgin Mary did present her son Jesus in the temple:
and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, received him in his arms,
and blessed the Lord

Text: Luke 1.46-55

Sit **NEW TESTAMENT** John 2.18-22

read by Jonas, a boy chorister

The second lesson is written in the second chapter of the gospel of John, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

The Jews said to Jesus, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead,

his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Here ends the second lesson.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Antiphon:

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :

world without end. Amen.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Text: Luke 2. 29-32

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth:

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;

**from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholick Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Sit or
kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God,
we humbly beseech thy majesty,
that, as thy only-begotten Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh,
so we may be presented unto thee
with pure and clean hearts,
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PROTECTION

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers
of this night; for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

Suscepimus, Deus,
misericordiam tuam
in medio templi tui,
secundum nomen tuum, Deus.
Ita et laus tua in fines terrae:

Justitia plena est dextera tua.
Magnus Dominus et laudabilis
nimis in civitate Dei nostri,
in monte sancto ejus.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum,
Amen.

*We have received
your mercy, O God,
in the midst of your temple
according to your name, O God.
So also is your praise to the ends of
the earth;
Your right hand is full of justice.
Great is the Lord
and exceedingly to be praised,
in the city of God, in His holy mountain.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and shall be forever.
Amen.*

Words: Psalm 48.8-9, 1

Music: William Byrd (1539-1623)

SERMON The Reverend Canon Bev Hunt

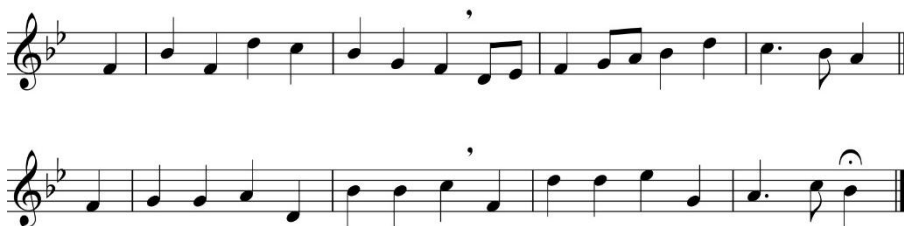
THE PRAYERS

The prayers conclude with

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Stand **HYMN**

During the hymn the clergy process to the Sanctuary.



Arise, shine out, your light has come,
unfolding City of our dreams.

On distant hills a glory gleams:
the new creation has begun.

Above earth's valleys, thick with night,
high on your walls the dawn appears,
and history shall dry its tears,
as nations stream towards your light.

From walls surpassing time and space,
unnumbered gates, like open hands,
shall gather gifts from all the lands,
and welcome all the human race.

The sounds of violence shall cease
as dwellings of salvation rise
to sparkle in eternal skies
from avenues of praise and peace.

The dancing air shall glow with light
and sun and moon give up their place
when Love shines out of every face:
our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

Words: SP 25 Brian Wren (b.1936), based on Isaiah 60 (A Song of the New Jerusalem)

Music: CP 349 Church Triumphant, James William Elliott (1833-1915)

TE DEUM

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Text: An ancient Song of the Church

Music: Te Deum in B flat Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F (BuxWV 156) *Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Festal Cathedral Eucharist

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

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

4pm Saturday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday *with Bradfield College Choir*,
Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *celebrating Racial Justice Sunday*

6.00pm Choral Evensong

ASH WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Holy Communion *with ashing, in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Choral Eucharist *with ashing*

CANON CHRIS HOLLINGSBURST – FURTHER UPDATE

Canon Chris will be installed as Team Rector of the Isle of Ely Villages Team Benefice in the Diocese of Ely at a service on Saturday 18 April at 2.30pm. The service will be conducted by the Acting Bishop of Ely, the Right Reverend Dagmar Winter, and will take place at St Andrew's Church, Sutton CB6 2RH. All are welcome. **We are considering the possibility of hiring a coach for those wishing to attend Chris's installation. If this is something that would be of interest, could you please contact the Dean's PA, Lisa,** either by email (deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org) or telephone (01483 547862) by Monday 23 February. Chris and Kathy's last service at Guildford Cathedral will be the Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday 22 March followed by a Reception at the west end of the nave.

LENT TALKS

Following the success of our Advent series, we're delighted to announce that post-service talks will return for the first four Sundays of Lent and you are welcome to join us after the 9.45am Eucharist for reflection and discussion. All welcome.

Sun 22 February – Lent and Liturgy (Canon Rachel Young)

Sun 1 March – Lent and Confession (Very Revd Bob Cooper, Dean)

Sun 8 March – Lent and Humility (Canon Jo Winn-Smith)

Sun 15 March – Lent and Self-Discipline (Canon Chris Hollingshurst)

OBSERVING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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

Thursday 19 February

Thursday 26 February

Friday 6 March

Thursday 12 March

Friday 20 March

Friday 27 March

The Dean says, "The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk slowly through Christ's final hours, from condemnation to burial. There is something profoundly moving about physically journeying from station to station, pausing at each moment of suffering and love. We are not passive observers but pilgrims, allowing our bodies to participate in prayer alongside our hearts and

minds. The Stations strip away distraction, drawing us into the story of redemption through simple images and ancient words. Whether this is familiar to you or something entirely new, you are warmly welcome to join us. In walking this way together, we discover afresh that the path to Easter leads through the shadow of the Cross."

SEASONS CAFÉ PRESENTS RED HOUSE RHYTHM & BLUES DUO

Carla, James, and the Seasons team invite you to a special event, when Canon Chris' blues duo will be playing for the last time in Seasons Café on the evening on Thursday 26 February. Admission includes a choice of meal, with customers choosing from beef, chicken or veggie burger with fries. 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. Previous evenings with Red House Rhythm & Blues Duo have, like the recent quiz nights, proved to be lovely community gatherings and the Seasons team would love to welcome as many of you as possible.

FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES:

The year has started well with over £200 coming into the Scheme. Please donate any unwanted notes or coins from any country around the globe, including the UK. The age and condition is not important, so obsolete items are equally welcome; unwanted UK current coin, silver or copper, is also useful. Our current total stands at £32,126 and we keep going! £40,000 is our next hurdle. Donations can be left with the office or sacristy, labelled "Coins Scheme". Many thanks, John Mitchell.

KATHERINE DIENES-WILLIAMS TO MOVE TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Katherine Dienes-Williams, our Organist and Master of the Choristers, has been appointed Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral. Katherine is an outstanding musician who has served Guildford Cathedral with exceptional dedication and artistry. During her time here, she has inspired generations of choristers, nurturing young singers with warmth, wisdom, and an unwavering

commitment to musical excellence. Katherine's tenure at Guildford Cathedral has been marked by musical programmes of the highest calibre, from the daily round of choral services to memorable concerts and recordings, and she has been a cherished colleague and mentor. We wish Katherine every blessing as she takes up her new role at Winchester Cathedral in the summer.

SAFEGUARDING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral is committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Cathedral has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the community. Chapter has overall responsibility for Safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Leadership Group reports to Chapter every month on the progress of our Safeguarding journey and any issues arising. The members of the Safeguarding Leadership Group are listed below and can be contacted at any time on any Safeguarding concern you may have about yourself or another member of the Cathedral Community.

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FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL LUNCH CLUB

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral organises lunches on the first Sunday of each month which are for both Friends and non-Friends. Our next Sunday lunch will be held TODAY Sunday 1 February 2026. We will be meeting at 12.15pm at Worplesdon Place, Perry Hill, Worplesdon GU3 3RY. If you would like to join the Friends for Lunch, please contact Yvette Wright (Secretary) Tel. 07851 371590 or email friends@guildfordcathedral.org.uk