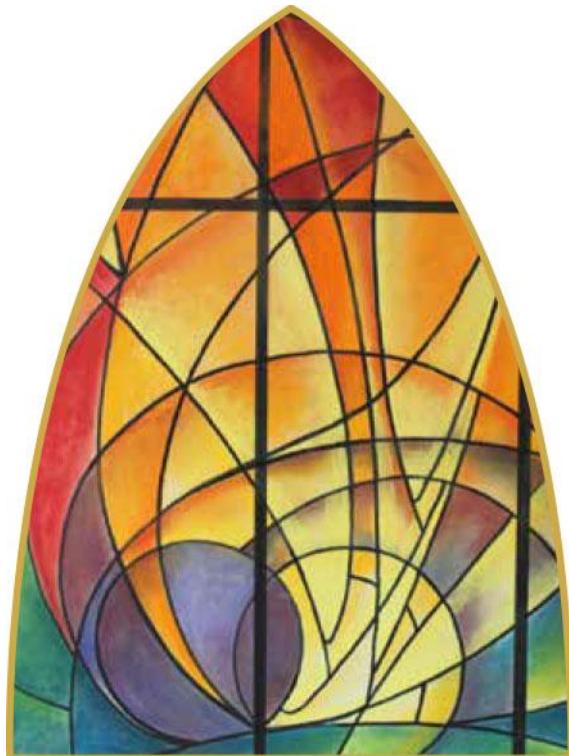




GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

9.45am  
15 February 2026

SUNDAY NEXT  
BEFORE LENT  
CATHEDRAL  
EUCHARIST



# WELCOME

## AN IN-BETWEEN TIME

We have marked the conclusion of Christmas and Epiphany with the celebration of Candlemas at the beginning of February. At that service we turned our attention away from the cradle of the baby Jesus towards the cross, upon which Jesus gave his life for us. Ash Wednesday is 18 February this year and we will have two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, at 9.00am (preceded by Morning Prayer at 8.30am) and 7pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (preceded by Evening Prayer at 5.30pm).

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptised or confirmed are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available 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. A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.

## **DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÈCHE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There are toys available for under school-aged children in the baptistry during the morning Choral Eucharist. This can be found at the back of the Cathedral in the south-west corner. Parents/carers are asked to remain with their children at all times and to keep the toys in the baptistry. If you need any help please ask one of the stewards on duty. A Sunday School for children aged 3-11 years is held on the first Sunday of each 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 TODAY**

We are grateful to Guildford Cathedral Singers for leading the music this morning under the direction of John Bawden. The organist is Jozef Gaszka, Organ Scholar.

## **MASS SETTING**

Missa in honorem Sancti Josephi *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

## **PRESIDENT AND PREACHER**

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

*Stand*

# THE GATHERING

## HYMN



Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.

*Words: from Isaiah 33.20-21, John Newton (1725-1807)*

*Music: CP 435 Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)*

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

## **THE GREETING**

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

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.

Let us come to God, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

**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.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu  
Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus  
Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis  
peccata mundi, miserere  
nobis; qui tollis peccata  
mundi, suscipe deprecationem  
nostrum; qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris:  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;  
tu solus Dominus;  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you for your  
great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King.  
God the Father almighty.  
Only Son of the Father, Jesus  
Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father: who takes  
away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us; who takes away  
the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer; who sits at  
the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy;  
you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray

*A moment of silent prayer*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Sit* **FIRST READING** Exodus 24.12-18 read by Jan Collins

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

## PSALM 2

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



The Lord is the strength of his peo- ple, a safe re-fuge for his a- noin- ted.

Why are the nations in tumult :  
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?  
The kings of the earth rise up;  
and the rulers take counsel together :  
against the Lord and against his anointed.  
'Let us break their bonds asunder :  
and cast away their cords from us.' Response

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn :  
the Lord shall have them in derision.  
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath :  
and terrify them in his fury.  
'Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.' Response

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord :  
he said to me; 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.  
Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance :  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron :  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' Response



The Lord is the strength of his peo- ple, a safe re-fuge for his a-noin- ted.

Now therefore be wise, O kings :

be prudent, you judges of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with fear :**

and with trembling kiss his feet,

lest he be angry and you perish from the way;

for his wrath is quickly kindled :

happy are all they who take refuge in him. Response

*Chant: Jonathan Batehall (1738-1801)*

**SECOND READING** 2 Peter 1.16-21 read by Rachel Impey

## A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.*



Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my son, the beloved, listen to him.'

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 17.1-9

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself

alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Sit* **SERMON** The Reverend Canon Paul Thompson

*Stand* **THE CREED**

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

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** led by Suzi Bloomfield

*The president invites everyone to pray, saying*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Sit or  
kneel* **The bidding and response are**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*In conclusion, the prayer leader says*

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

**Amen.**

*Stand*

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE PEACE

God has called us to live in peace.  
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



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**

Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President:

The Lord be with you.

All:

And also 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli  
et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Deacon:



Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

All:



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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.



A - men.

**Sit or THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**kneel**

Believing the promises of God,  
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**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

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

## **AGNUS DEI**

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

## **COMMUNION MOTET**

Love is the key of life and death,  
of hidden heavenly mystery:  
of all Christ, of all He saith,  
Love is the key.

As three times to His saint He saith,  
He saith to me, He saith to Thee,  
breathing His grace-confering breath:  
Lovest Thou me?

Ah, Lord, I have such feeble faith,  
such feeble hope to comfort me:  
but love it is, is strong as death;  
I love Thee.

*Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

*Music: Helen Williams (b. 1969)*

Stand

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

*A moment of silent prayer*

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**  
**to be a living sacrifice.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory.**  
**Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT

### THE 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.**

## 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.*



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: Irish 8<sup>th</sup> century, translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

*Music: CP 386 Slane, Irish traditional melody harmonised by Erik Routley (1917-1982)*

## **DISMISSAL**

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**

*Toccato* Florence Price (1887-1953)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## SERVICES TODAY – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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

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

**9.45am** Cathedral Eucharist *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

**6pm** Choral Evensong *sung by Surrey Voices*

## 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** *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**4pm** Saturday

## Ash Wednesday 18 February

**8.30am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**5.30pm** Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

**7pm** Sung Eucharist *with ashing*

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

**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

## **NEWS ABOUT BISHOP ANDREW**

An announcement was made last Thursday about the health of The Bishop of Guildford, The Right Reverend Andrew Watson. For more information, please visit [www.cofeguildford.org.uk](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk)

Dean Bob writes, “After several months of investigations, Bishop Andrew has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer with secondary lesions in his liver. He received the final biopsy and MRI results last Thursday. As you can imagine, this has come as a profound shock to him, his family, and all who know and love him. Bishop Andrew is hoping to continue in his responsibilities for now, with Easter as an initial milestone, though as he acknowledges, everything remains provisional depending on how things develop. He will likely undergo chemotherapy to help manage symptoms. As a cathedral community, please hold Bishop Andrew, his wife Beverley, and his family in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead. I know many of you will want to send messages of support - please do feel free to do so through the diocesan office. We are blessed to serve alongside such a faithful shepherd. Let us support him and his family with our love, our prayers, and our solidarity.”

## **CANON CHRIS HOLLINGSHURST**

### **INSTALLATION IN DIOCESE OF ELY SATURDAY 18 APRIL**

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

## **FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR CHRIS AND KATHY**

### **HOLLINGSHURST**

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

## **LIVESTREAMING**

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

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

## **DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

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

## **LENT TALKS**

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

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

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

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

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

## **OBSERVING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

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

Thursday 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](http://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.

## **THE REVEREND CANON RACHEL YOUNG**

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

## **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.

## **THE TIME OF SUNDAY EVENSONG**

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

## **BBC RADIO 3 CHORAL EVENSONG – 9 MARCH**

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

## **FRIENDS' LUNCH CLUB – SUNDAY 1 MARCH**

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral organise lunches once a month on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for Friends and non-friends. Our next Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday 1 March 2026. We will be meeting at 12.15pm at Horse and Groom, Merrow, GU1 2RG. Your food order will need to be placed a week before the day of the meal. Please come and join the Friends for lunch. A menu can be emailed to you by contacting Yvette Wright, Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral (tel 07851 371590 or email [friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk))

## **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.

# 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.

# 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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FREE ADMISSION

# Girl Choristers' CONCERT

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

Regina Caeli - Charpentier | Missa Sanctae Annae

- Simon Beattie | Dreamland - Kristina Arakelyan |

Learsongs - William Mathias | The Oxen -

Benjamin Britten

Sweet was the Song - Britten | Three 2 part songs

- Britten | Corpus Christi carol - Britten | Songs

of Sion - Paul Bryan

**SATURDAY**

**28 FEBRUARY**  
**7.30pm**

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

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

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

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

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