



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
17 May 2026

CHORAL
EVENSONG on the
65th Anniversary of the
Cathedral's
Consecration



WELCOME

EASTERTIDE

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

This evening we are celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Consecration of Guildford Cathedral. The inscription behind the pulpit in the Cathedral tells us that this Cathedral Church was 'Consecrated by God 17th May 1961 at the hand of his servant +George Reindorp 5th Bishop of Guildford'. Although this was three years before the completion of the building it marked the culmination of a vision which emerged in 1927 as the Diocese of Guildford was born from within the historic Diocese of Winchester. Thanks to continued generations of faithful people this Cathedral stands on Stag Hill, offering sanctuary, worship, prayer and a building of great beauty. We continue to celebrate all the endeavour which has marked our first 65 years and look forward with joyful expectation to the decades to come.

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 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

Set Two *Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)*

CANTICLES

The Fifth Service *Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

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

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

Stand **INTROIT**

Locus iste a Deo factus est, *This place was made by God,*
inaestimabile sacramentum, *a priceless mystery;*
irreprehensibilis est. *it is without reproof.*

Words: Latin gradual for the dedication of a church
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ 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 Very Reverend Bob Cooper

HYMN



Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia,
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia,
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia,
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia,
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia,
take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia,
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia,
though returning to his throne, Alleluia,
still he calls our kind his own. Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above; Alleluia,
see, he shows the prints of love; Alleluia,
hark, his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia,
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!



Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia,
his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluia,
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia,
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia,
far above the starry height, Alleluia,
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia,
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others
Music: CP 167 Llanfair, Robert Williams (1782-1818)

Sit **PSALM 47**

○ clap your hands together, all ye people :
○ sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high, and to be feared :
he is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us :
and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us :
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise :
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
○ sing praises, sing praises unto our God :

O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth :
sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen :
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
The princes of the people are joined
unto the people of the God of Abraham :
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth,
as it were with a shield.

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 (1765-1838)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** 2 Samuel 23.1-5 read by Carl McGray

The first lesson is written in the twenty third chapter of the second book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

Here ends the first lesson.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

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.

Text: Luke 1.46-55

Sit **NEW TESTAMENT** Ephesians 1.15-23 read by Berrie Norton

The second lesson is written in the first chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Here ends the second lesson.

Stand **NUNC DIMITTIS**

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.

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, ○ Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God the King of glory,
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us
and exalt us unto the same place
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;
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 AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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**

God is gone up with a triumphant shout,
the Lord with sounding trumpet's melodies.
Sing praise, sing praises out,
unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,
and let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
in flakes of glory down him attend,
and hear heart-cramping notes of melody
surround his chariot as it did ascend,
mixing their music, making every string
more to enravish as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor (c.1642-1729)

Music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

SERMON The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith

Sit or **THE PRAYERS**

kneel

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.**

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Music: CP 598 (i) Corvedale, Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (L'Ascension)
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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

6pm Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

Evening Prayer

4.00pm Saturday

5.30pm Wednesday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 24 MAY - PENTECOST

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist *sung by the Cathedral Choir and Guildford Cathedral Singers*

6pm Choral Evensong

FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL LUNCH CLUB

You are welcome to join the Friends for their monthly Sunday Lunch on 7 June 2026 at 1pm at the Princess Royal, Guildford Road, Runford, GU10 1NX (01252 782243) which is being held after their Annual General Meeting. The restaurant has not asked for us to pre-book food in advance but will need to know numbers. If you wish to join Friends for lunch on 7 June, please let Yvette Wright, Secretary to the Friends, know by Friday 5 June (tel: 07851 371590 or email: friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk)

ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Please 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.

SERVE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP

Thank you to all those who have stepped forward to help with reading lessons, intercessions and administering communion over the past few weeks. If you would still like to volunteer, it's never too late! Simply contact speak to Canon Rachel Young or please email her (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org). Training will usually be held after the Sunday morning Eucharist, 11.15am-12.30pm although other times of the week are also available.

VISION AND STRATEGY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As you are all aware, the Vision and Strategy process has been running throughout this year. On Sunday 14 June after the 9.45am service there will be a congregation meeting in the nave to launch the new vision for the cathedral and an opportunity to ask questions and meet together. The meeting will be up to an hour, and all of you are warmly invited. This is a really exciting time for the cathedral and the future and I do hope all of you will come along. Dean Bob.

AN INVITATION TO COFFEE AND CAKE

Kate and I would love to welcome all members of the Cathedral congregations for a morning of coffee and cake at “The not-the-deanery” (56 Manor Way, Onslow Village, GU2 7RP) from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 18 July. It will be a lovely opportunity to get everyone together for fellowship and fun, in the (hopefully!) glorious sunshine of mid-summer. We look forward to seeing you all then. Dean Bob

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 the **Coins Scheme**. If you cannot get to the Cathedral, please contact me on 37petherwin@gmail.com and I can collect from your home. Your support is greatly valued. John Mitchell

ABBOT'S HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's historic High Street Almshouse, is seeking a volunteer to help develop contacts with the people of Guildford and the area, and organisations and bodies interested in charities such as ours; to publicise activities and news relating to the Hospital through a newsletter and social media; to keep social media up to date; and to facilitate events in the Hospital involving the public. This role is initially for a volunteer but could develop over time. The volunteer would work closely with the Master and Governors. If you might be interested in helping, please contact Ian Bowler, the Master, at master@abbotshospital.org.

CANON RACHEL'S RETIRING DATE

Canon Rachel Young will be retiring at the end of July, and her final Sunday here will be Sunday 26 July. She and her husband Nigel will be moving in August to their house in East Yorkshire.

