



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
16 August 2026

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response, 'Let it be to me according to your word', revealed her natural sense of obedience to God and her reverence for his guidance, showing her worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh.

She is honoured in all parts of the Church on this day which by tradition is when she was taken from this life to share fully in the life of her Son – a calling and a future which is ours too, through the sacrament of baptism.

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.



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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.**

MUSIC TODAY

It is a joy to welcome the choir of Godalming Minster to lead and inspire worship this evening. They will be returning next Sunday morning to sing at the Eucharist, and we are very grateful to them for maintaining this important ministry while the Cathedral choir enjoys a well-deserved summer break.

PRECES AND RESPONSES *Bernard Rose*

CANTICLES Evening Service in E – Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Reverend Patrick Coleman and The Reverend Canon Roy Woodhams is the preacher.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

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 Reverend Patrick Coleman

HYMN



**For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.**

**Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,
though hard the task assigned,
and by the Holy Ghost conceived
the Saviour of mankind.**

**The busy world had got no space
or time for God on earth;
a cattle manger was the place
where Mary gave him birth.**

**She gave her body as God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of love divine,
when Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.**

**Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.**

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)

Music: CP238 St Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Please sit

PSALM 132

Lord, remember David :

and all his trouble;

How he swore 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.
Please 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)

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT Song of Solomon 2.1-7 read by Joy Allen

The first lesson is written in the second chapter of the Song of Solomon, beginning at the first verse.

I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.
As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.
As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.
With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.
Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.
O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Here ends the first lesson.

Please 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

Please sit **NEW TESTAMENT** Acts 1.6-14 read by Phil Roche

The second lesson is written in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the sixth verse.

When they had come together, the disciples asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who

has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please 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.

Please 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.
O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O 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

Almighty God,
who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ thy Son 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 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.

ANTHEM

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise His Name,
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with His truth.

Psalm 94.1-2,13

set to music by James Macmillan (b.1959)

SERMON The Reverend Canon Roy Woodhams

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.**

HYMN



**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
keep us to thy presence near.**



**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to us the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.**

*Words: Adam of St. Victor (12th century); adapted Percy Dearmer (1867-1936),
partly based on John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

Music: CP 487 Quem Pastores, German 14th-century carol

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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

Carillon – Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist with Holy Baptism

6pm Evensong *sung by Godalming Minster*

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*

4.00pm Saturday

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

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 Godalming Minster*

6pm Evensong

PASTORAL NEWS

Linsay Martin, daughter of Sheila Kirkland, has contacted us with the news that her mother has died. Sheila had a very long history with the Cathedral, being a resident of Guildford her whole life, and attending services since 1959. She went on to serve as secretary to two Deans between 1981 and 2001 (Tony Bridge and Alex Wedderspoon) and her husband, Colin Kirkland, was chief steward until his death. Sheila has been a faithful member of the congregation throughout and, until about a month ago, could be found doing a Guide duty meeting and greeting most Tuesday mornings. Sheila's funeral will take place at the Cathedral at 10:30am on Tuesday 25 August.

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.

REVIEW AND REFRESHING OF THE PRAYER LISTS

Both our long-term and short-term lists of people requesting prayer will be reviewed and refreshed at the beginning of September (this does not include the confidential list that Canon Mavis holds). If you have placed a name that you know is currently on either list and would still like it to be included in our prayers, please contact the virgers to let them know by Friday 21 August, 5pm (virger@guildford-cathedral.org). If we don't hear from you, the name will be removed.

VISION AND STRATEGY UPDATES

As you are all aware, the Vision and Strategy process has been running throughout this year. Please use this QR code to access all of the documents on the Cathedral website.



NEW CANON MISSIONER

Our new Residentiary Canon Missioner will be the Reverend Dr. Mike Branscombe, who is currently vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Cobham and will be joining us at his Installation service at Evensong on Sunday 20 September.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN BOB

Kate and I will be on holiday from Monday 3rd August until Monday 17th August inclusive. We both hope you have a lovely summer too and will see you when we get back.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our grand total has increased to £33,300 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, contact me on 37petherwin@gmail.com and I can collect from your home. Your support is greatly valued. John Mitchell

MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH WITH THE FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

A table has been booked for 12 people on Sunday 6 September at 12 noon at the Seahorse, 52-54 The St., Shalford. GU4 8BU. The restaurant has asked us to pre-order our food preferences and confirm number in group by Monday 31 August. Please let me know if you would like to join us for lunch. Friends and non-Friends are welcome. Please contact Yvette Wright Secretary to the Friends. email: friends@guildford-cathedral.org or phone 07851 371590 to confirm you would like to join us with your food choice. If you need a menu, let me know and I will email one to you.

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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