



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

LUKE THE EVANGELIST

CHORAL EVENSONG

6pm
18 October 2026



WELCOME

to Guildford Cathedral this evening. It is good to see you and to worship together. If you need anything, please just ask one of the stewards (they have badges around their necks), and whether you are new or old, please do engage us in conversation. The clergy are very happy to be approached for anything you need, or just for an introduction if you are new. Don't be shy!

Thought for the Week: SAINT LUKE

Luke is identified as a physician – a doctor or a healer – and there is plenty of evidence from his gospel account that he was particularly interested in the healing ministry of Jesus.

Those who consider this healing ministry soon come to understand that the physical healing is a symptom of something more far-reaching: the healing of a relationship with God.

We, the Church, are to be an instrument of this healing, bringing people to know the God of love, and living in that love ourselves. That is why at every Mass we are invited to share peace one with another, as a witness to the healing of our own relationships.

Where they still need healing and reconciliation, pray today and this week that our relationships may truly reflect the God of healing and love.

OFFERTORY

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PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

Please 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

The service this evening is sung by the Cathedral Choir (girls and lay clerks)

PRECES AND RESPONSES Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

CANTICLES Evening Service in F – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is the Dean, the Very Reverend Bob Cooper, and the preacher is the Reverend Canon Neil Roberts.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

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 Dean

HYMN



**Palms of glory, raiment bright,
Crowns that never fade away,
Gird and deck the saints in light,
Priests, and kings, and conquerors they.**

**Yet the conquerors bring their palms
To the Lamb amidst the throne,
And proclaim in joyful psalms
Victory through his cross alone.**

**Kings for harps their crowns resign,
Crying, as they strike the chords,
'Take the kingdom, it is thine,
King of kings, and Lord of Lords.'**

**Round the altar priests confess,
If their robes are white as snow,
'Twas the Saviour's righteousness,
And his blood, that made them so.**

**They were mortal too like us;
Ah! when we like them must die,
May our souls, translated thus
Triumph, reign, and shine on high.**

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: NEH 312ii Palms of Glory, William Dalrymple Macdagan (1826-1910)

Please sit

PSALM 103

Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin :
and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction :
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things :
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses :
his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made :
he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass :
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone :
and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever
upon them that fear him :
and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant :
and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven :
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :
ye that fulfil his commandment,
and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts :
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his,
in all places of his dominion :
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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.

Chants: E J Hopkins; J Battishill

Please sit **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES** Isaiah 61.1-6
 read by Harriet Foges

The first lesson is written in the sixty-first chapter of the book of
the prophet Isaiah, beginning to read at the first verse.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

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** Colossians 4.7-end
read by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

The second lesson is written in the fourth chapter of the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians, beginning at the seventh verse.

Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.

Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him. And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that God wills. For I testify for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, ‘See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.’

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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 catholic 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 King.
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 FOR LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Almighty God,
who calledst Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
may it please thee that,
by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him,
all the diseases of our souls may be healed;
through the merits of 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 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.

Please sit **ANTHEM**

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.
And he hath given men skill,
that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.
My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands arights,
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.
Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come;
he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing:
for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them:
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing:
the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,
they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

O Saviour of the world,
who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

Text: Ecclesiasticus 38: 4, 6, 9, 10, 12; Isaiah 35: 1-6; Book of Common Prayer

SERMON Canon Neil Roberts

Please sit or **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.**

Please stand **HYMN**



**Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if thou be near:
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.**

**When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My weary eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast.**

**Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without thee I dare not die.**

**If some poor wand'ring child of thine
Have spurned to-day the voice divine,**

**Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.**

**Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
With blessings from thy boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep to-night
Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.**

**Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
Till in the ocean of thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.**

Words: John Keble (1792-1866)

Music: REH 352 Abends, Herbert Stanley Oakley (1830 -1903)

BLESSING The Dean

I will lie down in peace and take my rest;
for thou alone, O Lord, makest me dwell in safety.

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Fugue sur le Nom d'Alain op.7ii – Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *Lady Chapel*

9.45 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist

6 p.m. Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 19 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Tuesday 20 October

8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Wednesday 21 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Thursday 22 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

12.30 p.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Friday 23 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Saturday 24 October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *Lady Chapel*

9.45 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist

6 p.m. Choral Evensong

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.

NAMES FOR THE ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

The usual Requiem Mass for All Souls will take place on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm. At it, the names of all who are on the Cathedral Year's Mind list will be read out.

If you would like a name added for the occasion, please email patrick.coleman@guildford-cathedral.org, also adding a date of death if you wish the name to be added to the Year's Mind list as well.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our Grand Total is now £33,949. £40,000 is tantalisingly near. As a result of a recent clearance of stock which raised £403, our pool of currencies is down almost to zero. Please help us to re-stock by donating any surplus coins or banknotes to the Scheme. The age, condition and quantity of the coins/notes is not important, and they can come from any country in the world including the UK. Donations can be left at the Office or Sacristy, labelled for the Coins Scheme. Do help us! Thank you to all our supporters. 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

WALSINGHAM 2027

We will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2027. The pilgrimage will run from **Friday 27th – Sunday 29th August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 30th August.** We are very pleased that Dean Bob will be leading us once again. The pilgrimage provides opportunities to take part in the rich liturgies of the Shrine, Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's Parish Church, a visit to the Slipper Chapel and Roman Catholic shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely Norfolk countryside near Little Walsingham. Fellowship and deepening of faith is at the heart of the pilgrimage. We hope to have a few photographs from the 2026 pilgrimage on the Cathedral website soon to give a taste of the pilgrimage.

The cost, full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory will be approximately £290 or £200.00 per

person, depending on whether you depart on the Monday or Sunday. We have a provisional booking for the above dates and will need to confirm the booking and pay deposits by late October. We would especially welcome first- time pilgrims. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, then please contact Donald Thompson, in person at the Cathedral, or via email, **don230224@gmail.com**.

FRIENDS' MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH

A table has been booked for 15 people on Sunday 1 November at 12.30pm at the Olive Tree, Sutton Green Road, Sutton Green, Guildford GU4 7QD. Numbers and orders have to be confirmed in advance. Please let Yvette (friends@guildford-cathedral.org, or 07851 371590) have your food order by Sunday 25 October. You don't need to belong to the Friends – all are welcome!

GEOFF CUMBERS

Geoff's funeral is to be held at Saint James, Rowledge GU10 4EN, at 12 noon on 4 November. More information from Clare (clarechardin@gmail.com) or Thorne Leggett Funeral Directors – 01252 415801

FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

As usual, the Friends will be running a tombola at the Christmas Fair Friday & Saturday 20 & 21 November. Last year we were able to raise £3,000 to support the work of the cathedral.

We are now starting to collect prizes and would be grateful for all contributions. Items can be left in the sacristy (virgers' room) next to the Lady Chapel.

If you can help in any way, not only with gifts, but also staffing the stall, please let Yvette or any of the Friends' Trustees know (friends@guildford-cathedral.org or 07851 371590)

ST NICOLAS' 150TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE ON VICTORIAN CHURCH MUSIC

The Revd Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite (former Canon Precentor of the Cathedral) will be giving a lecture on 'Victorian Church Music' on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm at St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the current building. It was erected in 1876 at the instigation of its former Rector John Monsell, the celebrated hymn writer (author of 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...'. 'Fight the good fight...' etc) who sadly died in 1875 from injuries incurred from falling off the scaffolding for the new church. The lecture is unticketed, and refreshments will be available.

Tickets for the St Nic's gala anniversary concert by the Great Little Orchestra and the Harlequin Chamber Choir on Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm, featuring the world premiere of a new commission by Will Todd based on 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' & pieces by Walton, Vaughan Williams and Cole Porter, and compered by John and Lily Suchet, are also available from parishoffice@saintnics.com

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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Chris Pilgrim (Chapter Safeguarding Representative)

HOW DO I GET IN TOUCH?

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If you call and there is no answer, please leave a message, especially if you need a priest in an emergency.