



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
23 August 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CATHEDRAL EUCCHARIST



WELCOME

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

The Church of England has a place in the British Constitution. It also has rules and regulations, and it has a synodical structure which is designed to balance the authority of its bishops with the discernment of all its people.

Thus far, it could be just another social club. The Church, however, is founded on the same firm faith expressed by Peter: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. With this faith the Church stands and grows; without it the Church is already dead.

Never forget that we are a community of faith, for without that faith you might just as well be a member of the Bowls Club.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

Please 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.**

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

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 right hand side 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 will be held on the first Sunday of the 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.

OFFERING

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.

MUSIC TODAY

Welcome to the choir of Godalming Minster. We are grateful to them for leading the music of this morning's worship.

MASS SETTING

Communion Service in F – Harold Darke

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

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

Please stand

THE GATHERING

HYMN



***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:**

**Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:**

**From farthest regions let their homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

**For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Music: CP 499 Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

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

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.
Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

**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

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the
Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon
us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with
the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Please sit **FIRST READING** Isaiah 51.1-6 read by Harriet Foges

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;

All the kings of the earth shall praise you O Lord :
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord :
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high he watches over the lowly :
as for the proud he regards them from afar. *Response.*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble you will preserve me :
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies,
your right hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me :
your loving-kindness O Lord endures for ever,
forsake not the work of your hands. *Response.*

Chant George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

SECOND READING Romans 12.1-8 read by Lis Martin

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please 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.



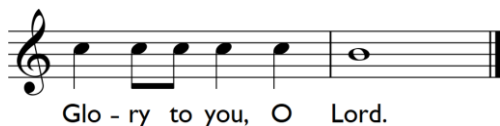
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16.13-20b

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



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

Please sit

SERMON The Very Reverend Bob Cooper

Please stand

THE CREED

Let us proclaim the faith of the Church throughout the ages.

**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.

Please sit or

kneel The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In conclusion, the leader says

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

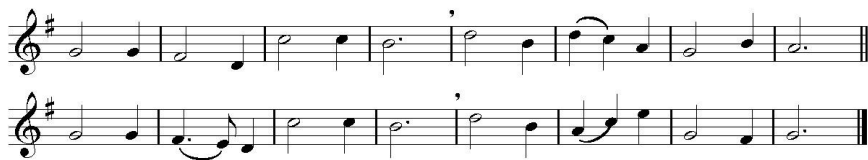
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

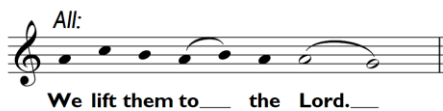
Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Music: CP 581 (ii) Nottingham, Wenzel Muller (1747-1835)

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
*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: All:

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus: Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,

ris - ing you re-stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



*Please sit or
kneel*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
for we all share in the one Bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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AGNUS DEI

Choir O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION MOTET

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hands Thy grace;
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

set to music by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Set us on fire with your Spirit
that when Christ comes again
we may shine like lights before his face,
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

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.



**Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*Music: CP 530 Nun Danket, Melody in Johann Crüger Praxis Pietatis Melica c. 1647,
harmony chiefly from F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Lobgesang 1840*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.
Thanks be to God!

*Please 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

Alla marcia – John Ireland (1879-1962)

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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 *sung by Godalming Minster*

6pm 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, Friday

9.30am Saturday

12.30pm Thursday

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

4.00pm Saturday

5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Eucharist

5.30pm Monday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 30 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 GCS*

6pm Evensong *sung by GCS*

PASTORAL NEWS

The funeral of Sheila Kirkland will take place at the Cathedral at 10:30am this coming Tuesday 25 August. 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.

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.

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.

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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Currently vacant (Chapter Safeguarding Representative)