



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
23 August 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
CHORAL
EVENSONG



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.

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.



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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

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

Music is led this evening by Peter Coleman (Lay Clerk)

PRECES AND RESPONSES Plainsong

CANTICLES Evening Service in C minor – George Dyson (1883-1964)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford, and the preacher is The Reverend Patrick Coleman.

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 Very Reverend Bob Cooper

HYMN



**Thanks be to thee, O Lord,
for saints thy Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live thy life and speak thy word.
Unnumbered they
whose candles shine
to lead our footsteps after thine.**

**Lord God of truth and love,
'thy kingdom come', we pray;
give us thy grace to know thy truth and walk thy way;
that here on earth
thy will be done,
till saints in earth and heaven are one.**

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

Music: CP 217 Harewood, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Please sit

PSALM 97

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
There shall go a fire before him :
and burn up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings gave shine unto the world :
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens have declared his righteousness :
and all the people have seen his glory.
Confounded be all they that worship carved images,
and that delight in vain gods :
worship him, all ye gods.
Sion heard of it, and rejoiced :

and the daughters of Judah were glad,
because of thy judgements, O Lord.
For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth:
thou art exalted far above all gods.
O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil :
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
There is sprung up a light for the righteous :
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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: G Cooper

Please sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 61.1-9

The first lesson is written the sixty-first chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah, beginning 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.
Because their shame was double,
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.
For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

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** 2 Corinthians 6.1-10

The second lesson is written in the sixth chapter of the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, beginning at the first verse.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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.

<i>Please sit or</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us.
<i>kneel</i>	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 OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,
and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,
forgiving us those things whereof 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 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.

Please sit **ANTHEM**

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

set to music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SERMON The Reverend Patrick Coleman

Please 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.**

Please stand **HYMN**



**Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.**

**One family, we dwell in him,
one church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.**

**One army of the living God,
to his command we bow:
part of the host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.**

**E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest;
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.**

**Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
and bring us safe to heaven.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others
Music: CP 222 Dundee, Melody from the Scottish Psalter 1615
as set in Ravenscroft's Psalmes 1621*

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

Petit Prélude – Joseph Jongen

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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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