



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
6 September 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

SORRY!

It is not uncommon to come across people who have broken relationships (often in families) and who are waiting for someone to apologise before normal service can be resumed.

Indeed, apologies of all sorts have been in favour for quite a while, usually to address historical wrongs which are seen as still having consequences today.

Such apologies are a waste of time and goodwill unless they are accompanied by a change of heart. Indeed, even among adults, apologies are so easily just like the ones you and I were compelled to make as children – saying sorry in the hope that the consequences would go away and the adult would shut up about it!

Being sorry is not enough – it is the work of reconciliation and persistent love which makes a real difference. Or, as Saint Paul tells us, ‘Owe nothing to anyone except the debt of love.’

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.

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.

NEW ORGAN SCHOLAR

Having said goodbye last week to Jozef (with a bang!), we welcome Emily as our Organ Scholar for 2026-2027. Emily writes this of herself:

I come to Guildford from the United States, where I have worked as an active concert artist and a sacred musician in addition to my studies. I look forward very much to joining the music programme, and to getting to know the community here at Guildford Cathedral.

MUSIC TODAY

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

PRECES AND RESPONSES Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

CANTICLES Evening Service in D – Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is the Reverend Patrick Coleman, and the Reverend Canon Paul Thompson is the preacher.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

Stand

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 Reverend Patrick Coleman

HYMN



**God has spoken - by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God is King, his throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken - by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
Light of Light, to earth descending,
God, revealing God to man.**

**God is speaking - by his Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.**

**Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

Words: Sing Praise 185, George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

*Music: CP 363 Ebenezer (Ton-y-Botel), from an anthem by
Thomas Williams (1869-1944)*

Please sit

PSALM 108

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready :
I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp :
I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people :
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens :
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens :
and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered :
let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

God hath spoken in his holiness :
I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem,
and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine :
Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot :
over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.

Who will lead me into the strong city :
and who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God :
and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

O help us against the enemy :
for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do great acts :
and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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: James Coward (1824-1880)

Please sit **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES** Ezekiel 12.21-13.16
 read by Joy Allen

The first lesson is written in the book of the prophet Ezekiel, the twelfth chapter and the twenty-first verse.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, what is this proverb of yours about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision comes to nothing'? Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no more as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfilment of every vision. For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. But I the Lord will speak the word that I speak, and it will be fulfilled. It will no longer be delayed; but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and fulfil it, says the Lord God.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years ahead; he prophesies for distant times.' Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be fulfilled, says the Lord God.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are prophesying; say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the Lord!' Thus says the Lord God, Alas for the senseless prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. You have not gone up into the breaches, or repaired a wall for the house of Israel, so that it might stand in battle on the day of the Lord. They have prophesied falsehood and lying divination; they say, 'Says the Lord', when the Lord has not sent them, and yet they wait for the fulfilment of their word! Have you not seen a false vision or uttered a lying divination, when you have said, 'Says the Lord', even though I did not speak?

Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have uttered falsehood and prophesied lies, I am against you, says the Lord God. My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God. Because, in truth, because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace', when there is no peace; and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear whitewash on it. Say to those who smear whitewash on it that it shall fall. There will be a deluge of rain, great hailstones will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. When the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the whitewash you smeared on it?' Therefore thus says the Lord God: In my wrath I will make a stormy wind break out, and

in my anger there shall be a deluge of rain, and hailstones in wrath to destroy it. I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare; when it falls, you shall perish within it; and you shall know that I am the Lord. Thus I will spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it - the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for it, when there was no peace, says the Lord God.

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 19.1-20
read by Helen Roche

The second lesson is written in the Acts of the Apostles, the nineteenth chapter and the first verse.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two

years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.' Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit said to them in reply, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' Then the man with the evil spirit leapt on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. A number of those who practised magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

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.

<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.

○ 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.

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

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God,
whose only Son hath opened for us
a new and living way into thy presence:
grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills,
we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;
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.

Please sit. **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 Reverend Canon Paul Thompson

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



**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.**

**O Holy Spirit, in the church to-day
no less your power of fellowship display.**

**Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.**

**Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

Words: CP 425 John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)

Music: CP 362 Woodlands, Walter Greateorex (1877-1949)

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

Pæan – Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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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

3.00 p.m. Service of Celebration for HM Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey

6 p.m. Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 7 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Tuesday 8 September

8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Wednesday 9 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Thursday 10 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

12.30 p.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Friday 11 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Saturday 12 September

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 13 SEPTEMBER

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.

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.

Mike's Installation takes place at Choral Evensong at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 20th September. Please make a special effort to be present to welcome Mike and his family, and to pray that he, his family, and the cathedral community will be richly blessed in the years to come.

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

FOOD BANK COLLECTION SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

The next collection for the Food Bank will be Sunday 6 September. We would be grateful for donations of the following items: hot chocolate, sugar, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, shampoo and conditioner.

ALL-VOLUNTEER BRIEFING

We hope you will be able to join us on Tuesday 15 September from 3.00pm to 4.45pm for an afternoon of bringing our volunteers together, with updates, useful information and an opportunity to hear about what is coming up. Choral Evensong will follow at 5.30pm. If you are planning to attend, please complete the RSVP form by Friday 11 September 2026. Alternatively, contact liturgyadmin@guildfrd-cathedral.org 01483 547868.

FROM THE DEAN

I have been invited to be one of the keynote speakers at the Sialkot Convention in the Diocese of Sialkot in Pakistan. The Sialkot Convention is the largest gathering of Pakistani Christians in the country, there will be approximately 8,000 to 10,000 people there. I have been asked to preach at the main Eucharist of the Convention and also to give several addresses as well as some teaching for the clergy. I will be leaving the UK on the 22nd of September and returning on the 4th October. Please hold our brothers and sisters in Pakistan in your prayers and please pray for me as I travel.

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)

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