



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
13 September 2026

FIRST EVENSONG OF HOLY CROSS DAY CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

NO ESCAPE

If we live, we live for the Lord. Everything in our life, then, is God's. If we die, we die for the Lord. However much we may be able to choose how we live and even how we die, God is the ultimate reality from whom we cannot escape.

Just as well, then, that today's Scripture readings make one thing quite clear: God's forgiveness is part of that ultimate reality, and God's forgiveness knows no bounds.

That's a thought you might well bear in mind if you want to be on good terms with yourself when you ultimately are faced with God, and nothing but God.

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.

FAREWELL TO JO WINN-SMITH

The Cathedral has been blessed by the ministry of Jo Winn-Smith as Priest Vicar, and she has made a great deal of time to celebrate, preach and teach here alongside her role as Bishops' Chaplain. Before Jo and her family move to her new parish role at Esher, she presided at this morning's Cathedral Eucharist, and the whole community will wish to express thanks for all that God has given through Jo's priestly presence here.

HELLO TO JULIAN ROBERTS

Some of you may know that Julian has been preparing for ordination, and the plan is that he will be ordained in the Cathedral in November, alongside six others to be ordained deacon. Part of Julian's training is to serve a 'placement', which he is doing here at the Cathedral, and which involves several preaching slots. The first was this morning at the 08.00 and 09.45 services. Please welcome Julian and where appropriate offer helpful feedback on his preaching!

MUSIC TODAY

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

PRECES AND RESPONSES

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

CANTICLES

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

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

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

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



**It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved him not.**

**I cannot tell how he could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful,
if he could die my love to win.**

**I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.**

**But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love, which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.**

**It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;**

**but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.**

**And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.**

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

*Music: CP 109 Herongate, English traditional melody
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Please sit

PSALM 66

O be joyful in God, all ye lands :
sing praises unto the honour of his Name,
make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works :
through the greatness of thy power
shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee :
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God :
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land :
so that they went through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye people :
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life :
and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us :
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare :
and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads :
we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings :
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips,
and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams :
I will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God :
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth :
and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart :
the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me :
and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer :
nor turned his mercy from me.

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: Edward Cutler (1831-1916)

The first lesson is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter and the thirteenth verse.

See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up,

and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him

- so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,

and his form beyond that of mortals -

so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which had not been told them they shall see,

and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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 Ephesians 2.11-22

read by Phil Roche

The second lesson is written in the epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians, the second chapter and the eleventh verse.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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 HOLY CROSS DAY

Almighty God,
who in the passion of thy blessed Son
hast made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
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 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.

Text: Collect of the Visitation of the Sick

Music: Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1889)

SERMON Canon Cathy Blair

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



**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:**

O grant us in our home to see the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

*Music: CP 582 Breslau, German traditional melody harmony
probably by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

BLESSING

God, who through the cross of Christ
raised you to new life in him,
keep you from falling,
and set you in the presence of his glory;
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

Fugue (op.16iii) – Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

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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 14 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist for Holy Cross Day *Quire*

Tuesday 15 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 16 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 17 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 18 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Saturday 19 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 20 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 with the Installation of the new
Residentiary Canon Missioner

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. next 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

ALL-VOLUNTEER BRIEFING

We hope you will be able to join us this 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 liturgymusic@guildford-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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