



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6pm
20 September 2026

CHORAL
EVENSONG
with the Installation
of Mike Branscombe
as Canon Missioner



WELCOME

GOD'S GENEROSITY

There are plenty of people who think that they are owed a living; and there are plenty of people in the Church who think that they are owed salvation. They can just muddle along in the same old sweet way and trust that God will be pleased with them and reward their faithfulness.

Jesus has news for such people: God's salvation is offered to others too, and not necessarily on the same terms.

This is why the Church has to be open to all, and if all have no interest in what the Church is doing, then there are flaws in our life and our welcome that need urgently to be addressed.

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.

WELCOME TO CANON MIKE!

Mike Branscombe is installed this evening as the Cathedral's Residentiary Canon Missioner. He has already started to get his teeth into this role, and some of the congregation and also our mission partners have met and begin to work with him. An enthusiastic welcome from the whole Cathedral community, Mike – may we have a lot of joy and fun working together for the growth of God's Kingdom!

Mike and his family move into 6 Cathedral Close early next month.

MUSIC TODAY

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

PRECES AND RESPONSES John Sanders (1933-2003)

CANTICLES Evening Service in D – George Dyson

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Dean, the Very Reverend Bob Cooper, and the Reverend Dr Mike Branscombe is the preacher.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O 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 of Guildford, the Very Reverend Bob Cooper

HYMN



‘The kingdom is upon you!’

**The voice of Jesus cries,
Fulfilling with its message
The wisdom of the wise;
It lightens with fresh insight
The striving human mind,
Creating new dimensions
Of faith for all to find.**

‘God’s kingdom is upon you!’

**The message sounds today;
It summons every pilgrim
To take the questing way,
With eyes intent on Jesus,
Our leader and our friend,
Who trod faith’s road before us,
And trod it to the end.**

**The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit’s breath,
We glory in its freedom
From emptiness and death;
We celebrate its purpose,**

**Its mission, and its goal,
Alive with the conviction
That Christ can make us whole.**

Words: Robert Willis (1947-2024)

Music: REH 619 Wolvercote, William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)

Please sit

PSALM 34

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord :
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me :
and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me :
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened :
and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him :
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him :
and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is :
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints :
for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing
that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live :
and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil :
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good :
seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous :
and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil :
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them :
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart :
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous :
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones :
so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly :
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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(s): Sidney Watson (1903-1991)

Please sit

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Isaiah 33.13-17

read by Ella Branscombe

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

Hear, you who are far away, what I have done;
and you who are near, acknowledge my might.

The sinners in Zion are afraid;
trembling has seized the godless:

‘Who among us can live with the devouring fire?

Who among us can live with everlasting flames?’

Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly,
who despise the gain of oppression,
who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it,
who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed
and shut their eyes from looking on evil,
they will live on the heights;
their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks;
their food will be supplied, their water assured.

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;
they will behold a land that stretches far away.

Here ends the first lesson.

THE COLLATION AND INSTALLATION

The Bishop and cathedral clergy move into the centre of the Quire. The Dean accompanies the Residentiary Canon designate, bringing him to stand before the Bishop.

The Dean presents the Residentiary Canon designate to the Bishop saying

Bishop Paul, I present Mike Branscombe to you, to be collated as Residentiary Canon Missioner.

The Bishop responds

Thank you for your presentation; I am delighted to do so.

The Bishop reads the Deed of Collation and says

Mike, receive this cure, your care and ours. Be diligent so to take your part with your brothers and sisters of the Chapter in the Government of this holy place that here the word of God may be faithfully preached, and the sacraments duly administered: and in all things so uphold the honour and dignity of our Cathedral and Collegiate Church that it may be a true Mother to the churches of our Bishopric.

Then the new Residentiary Canon bows his head and the Bishop prays for him

Mike, God give you the spirit of holy discipline,
faithfulness and love for all.

The Lord bless you and watch over you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord look kindly upon you
and give you peace.

Amen.

The new Residentiary Canon stands; the Bishop hands the mandate to the Dean and says

Mr Dean, I bid you proceed to the Installation of this our brother as Residentiary Canon Missioner.

The Dean presents the new Residentiary Canon with his preaching scarf complete with cathedral badge, which he puts on; The Dean places the chapter cope around his shoulders.

The Dean then conducts the new canon to his stall; the cathedral clergy follow and stand in the centre of the Quire facing the new canon's stall.

The Dean then places the Residentiary Canon in his stall, saying

Michael Branscombe, by virtue of the authority given to me: I, Robert Gerard Cooper, Dean of this Cathedral Church, do welcome you into the fellowship of this College of Canons, and do place you as a Residentiary Canon of this Cathedral Church in the stall assigned to you, with all its rights, privileges and opportunities for service. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

Amen.

The Dean presents the new canon with a Bible, saying

Receive this Bible, and so study and preach God's holy word, that people may be wise to salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The new Residentiary Canon says

I, Michael Branscombe, Residentiary Canon of this Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford, do promise that I will faithfully read and preach the word of God, administer the sacraments in due order and obey the Constitution and Statutes of this Cathedral Church. And may the Lord be my helper. Amen.

The cathedral clergy say

We welcome you as Residentiary Canon of this Cathedral Church; we look forward to continuing to work together as partners in the Gospel.

The congregation welcomes the newly installed Residentiary Canon with applause, as members of the cathedral clergy greet him. All return to their places.

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 3.14-21

read by Grace Branscombe

The second lesson is written in the third chapter of Saint Paul's letter to the Christians at Ephesus, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

*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 SAINT MATTHEW

O almighty God,
who by thy blessed Son
didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom
to be an apostle and evangelist:
grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires
and inordinate love of riches,
and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ,
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**

Beatus vir qui
timet Dominum:
in mandatis ejus
volet nimis.
Potens in terra
erit semen ejus;
generatio rectorum
benedicetur.
Gloria et divitiae
in domo ejus:
et justitia ejus manet
in saeculum saeculi.
Exortum est in tenebris
lumen rectis:
misericors, et miserator,
et justus.
Jucundus homo qui
miseretur et commodat;
disponet sermones suos
in judicio:
quia in aeternum non
commovebitur.
In memoria aeterna erit justus;

ab auditione mala
non timebit.
Paratum cor ejus
sperare in Domino,
confirmatum est
cor ejus;
non commovebitur donec
despiciat inimicos suos.
Dispersit, dedit pauperibus;
justitia ejus manet

*Blessed are those who
fear the Lord
and have great delight
in his commandments.
Their descendants will be
mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful
that will be blest.
Wealth and riches will
be in their house,
and their righteousness
endures for ever.
Light shines in the darkness
for the upright,
gracious and full of
compassion are the righteous.
It goes well with those who
are generous in lending
and order their affairs
with justice,
For they will never
be shaken;
the righteous will be held
in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid
of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast,
trusting in the Lord.
Their heart is sustained
and will not fear,
until they see the
downfall of their foes.
They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness*

in saeculum saeculi:
cornu ejus exaltabitur
in gloria.

Peccator videbit,
et irascetur;
dentibus suis fremet
et tabescet:
desiderium peccatorum
peribit.

*stands fast for ever;
their head will be
exalted with honour.
The wicked shall see it
and be angry;
they shall gnash their teeth
in despair;
the desire of the wicked
shall perish.*

Psalm 112

*set to music by Claudio Monteverdi (c.1567-1643)
as part of his Selva morale e spirituale SV268,
also known as the 1640 Vespers*

SERMON The Reverend Canon Mike Branscombe,
Canon Missioner

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**



**God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**

**From utmost east to utmost west
where human foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'**

**What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase**



**The fellowship of humankind,
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?**

**March we forth in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**

**All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.**

Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)
Music: REH 613 Millicent Douglas Kingham (1866-1927)
In Church Hymns, 1903

BLESSING The Bishop of Dorking and Acting Bishop of Guildford, the Right Reverend Paul Davies

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,
so that with one voice
you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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

Fiesta – Emma Lou Diener (1927-2024)

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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 21 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist for Saint Matthew *Quire*

Tuesday 22 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 23 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 24 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 25 September

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Saturday 26 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 27 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.

IAN NICHOLSON

Andy Pitter writes that his uncle Ian Nicholson sang for many years in the alto line of the Cathedral Choir. Ian died on 12 August, and his wife Sonia followed him on 28th August. If anyone would like to attend a celebration of their lives at the South Lodge Hotel (south-east of Horsham) on Sunday 4 October at 1pm, please contact Andy (07797 747215).

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

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.

FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH

A table has been booked for 12 people on Sunday 11 October at 12.15 at The Queens Head, The Street, East Clandon, Guildford GU4 7RY. The restaurant has asked us to confirm number in

group by Monday 5 October. 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. I have not been asked to give a food order in advance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUART BEAKE

The Dean writes: We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that the Venerable Stuart Beake has been awarded the Cross of St Augustine, the Canterbury Cross, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Church of England.

This is a richly deserved honour. Stuart has given himself to the life of the Church with extraordinary generosity, wisdom and faithfulness, and so many of us, here at the Cathedral and across the Diocese, have been blessed by his ministry, his kindness and his steady good humour. It is a joy to see that devotion recognised in this way. Please join us in offering Stuart our warmest congratulations, and in giving thanks to God for all that he has given, and continues to give, to the Church and to so many people. Many congratulations, Stuart, from all of us!

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



God of Mission,
you alone bring growth to your Church.
Send your Holy Spirit to this Cathedral Church:
give vision to our planning,
wisdom in our actions,
joy to our worship,
and power in our witness.
As fruit of the Spirit's work may we see:
increase in numbers,
spiritual commitment to your calling,
and service to our diocese and county.
Through the one who promised the gift of the
Holy Spirit,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.