



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6pm
4 October 2026

CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

to Guildford Cathedral this evening. It is good to see you and to worship together. If you need anything, please just ask one of the stewards (they have badges around their necks), and whether you are new or old, please do engage us in conversation. The clergy are very happy to be approached for anything you need, or just for an introduction if you are new. Don't be shy!

A special welcome to all from the Surrey Heath Deanery, and to their outgoing Area Dean, Ellen Turtle, who will be preaching here this evening.

Thought for the Week: **FAITHFUL AND HONEST**

Jesus keeps on homing in on those people who think that life owes them a living and that they deserve everything good they can lay their hands on.

The fact is that going through life expecting to be rewarded is the best way of setting yourself up for disappointment. The secret—in Jesus's teaching, and it's also common sense—lies in putting the best we can into life, and being thankful for whatever comes back out.

And at the core of his teaching on this lie the two virtues of faithfulness and honesty: to be faithful to God, each other, and ourselves, and also to be honest with God, each other and ourselves.

***If we live according to these standards we can hardly go wrong—
unless of course we start looking for some sort of reward along the way!***

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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.

MUSIC TODAY

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

PRECES AND RESPONSES Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

CANTICLES Evening Service in G – Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is the Canon Missioner, the Reverend Doctor Mike Branscombe, and the preacher is the Reverend Ellen Turtle.

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 Canon Missioner, the Reverend Doctor Mike Branscombe

HYMN



**We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.***

**He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread: *Refrain***

**We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But what which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts: *Refrain***

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), tr. by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

Music: NEH 358 Wir pflügen, Johann Schulz (1747-1800), harm. by J B Dykes (1823-1876)

Please sit **PSALM 136**

○ give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

○ give thanks unto the God of all gods :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

○ thank the Lord of all lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who only doeth great wonders :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who hath made great lights :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

The sun to rule the day :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who smote Egypt with their first-born :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And brought out Israel from among them :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who divided the Red sea in two parts :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And made Israel to go through the midst of it :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who led his people through the wilderness :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who smote great kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

Yea, and slew mighty kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

Sehon king of the Amorites :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And Og the king of Basan :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And gave away their land for an heritage :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us when we were in trouble :
for his mercy endureth for ever;

And hath delivered us from our enemies :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

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: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Please sit

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Proverbs 2.1-11

read by Carl McGray

The first lesson is written in the thirty-seventh chapter of the book of Proverbs, beginning to read at the first verse.

My child, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments within you,

making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;

if you indeed cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;

if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures—

then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.

For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,

guarding the paths of justice
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.

Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;

for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

prudence will watch over you;
and understanding will guard you.

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 | John 2.1-17

read by Howard Mason, Lay Chair, Surrey Heath Deanery

The second lesson is written in the second chapter of the first letter of Saint John the Apostle, beginning at the first verse.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people,
because you have conquered the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,
because you are strong
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

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.

*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 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us thy gift of faith
that, forsaking that which is behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of thy commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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**

Te lucis ante terminum,
rerum creator poscimus,
ut solita clementia
sis præsul ad custodiam.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
that with thy wonted favour thou
would'st be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia,
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime,
ne pollutantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.*

Præsta, Pater omnipotens,
per Iesum Christum Dominum,
qui tecum in perpetuum
regnat cum Sancto Spiritu.
Amen

*O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.*

Words: Latin, before 11th century, tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)

SERMON The Reverend Ellen Turtle

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**



**For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God.**

**For his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: REH 356 East Acklam, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

BLESSING The Canon Missioner

We bless you, God of seed and harvest,
and we bless each other,
that the beauty of this world,
and the love that created it,
might be expressed though our lives
and be a blessing to others,

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

Postlude in D minor – Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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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 5 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Tuesday 6 October

8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist for Saint Michael & All Angels *Quire*

Wednesday 7 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Thursday 8 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

12.30 p.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Friday 9 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Saturday 10 October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.00 p.m. GCCS Choral Evensong *Quire*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

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.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our Grand Total is now £33,949. £40,000 is tantalisingly near. As a result of a recent clearance of stock which raised £403, our pool of currencies is down almost to zero. Please help us to re-stock by donating any surplus coins or banknotes to the Scheme. The age, condition and quantity of the coins/notes is not important, and they can come from any country in the world including the UK. Donations can be left at the Office or Sacristy, labelled for the Coins Scheme. Do help us! Thank you to all our

supporters. 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

WALSINGHAM 2027

We will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2027. The pilgrimage will run from **Friday 27th – Sunday 29th August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 30th August.** We are very pleased that Dean Bob will be leading us once again.

The cost, full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory will be approximately £290 or £200.00 per person, depending on whether you depart on the Monday or Sunday. We have a provisional booking for the above dates and will need to confirm the booking and pay deposits by late October. We would especially welcome first- time pilgrims. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, then please contact Donald Thompson, in person at the Cathedral, or via email, **don230224@gmail.com**.

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.

FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

As usual, the Friends will be running a tombola at the Christmas market in November. Last year we were able to raise £3,000 to support the work of the cathedral.

We are now starting to collect prizes and would be grateful for all contributions. Items can be left in the sacristy (virgers' room) next to the Lady Chapel.

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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