



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6pm
11 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!

Thought for the Week: **WHERE IS GOD AT WORK?**

Jesus's ministry started with people getting angry at the upstart young man who was acting better than his origin, yet it continues with a recognition that God is working in him.

Yes, he heals and makes whole and speaks words that come from God, but this is summed up by saying that he has done everything well.

People have an instinctive sense that God is at work when wholeness and vision suddenly take hold in life, and they see that rare moment when 'it all comes together'.

Of course, as Jesus later comes to accomplish the work for which he was sent, he is subjected to the envy and smallmindedness of those who are supposed to be speaking for God.

Sometimes it is our instinct that tells us where God is at work, and the acid test has to be when we see that all things are being done well.

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.

MUSIC TODAY

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

PRECES AND RESPONSES Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

CANTICLES Evening Service in B minor – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is the Dean, the Very Reverend Bob Cooper, and the preacher is Julian Roberts, as part of his ordinand placement.

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

HYMN



**O blest Creator of the light,
Who mak'st the day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all.**

**Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard Thy people's prayers and tears.**

**Lest, sunk in sin, and whelmed with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave them chains of woe and crime.**

**But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.**

**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, 8th century or earlier, tr. by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: NEH 325ii Lucis Creator, Angers church melody, harm. by Marin Shaw (1875-1958)

Please sit **PSALM 139.1-18**

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me :
thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest
my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed :
and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue :
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before :
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :
I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit :
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there :
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning :
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me :
and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me :
then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day :
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

For my reins are thine :
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee :
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect :
and in thy book were all my members written;

Which day by day were fashioned :
when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God :
O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand :
when I wake up I am present with thee.

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: Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Please sit **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES** Proverbs 3.1-18
 read by Harriet Foges

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

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;

for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

Honour the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;

then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,

for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,

for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.

She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

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 3.1-15
read by Helen Roche

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

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

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 THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, forasmuch as without thee
we are not able to please thee;
mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 Thou the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high,
eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel,
as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,
thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within.

Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

SERMON Julian Roberts

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**



**Glory to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thy own almighty wings.**

**Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.**

**O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep my eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: REH 345 Tallis's Canon, Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

BLESSING The Dean

I will lie down in peace and take my rest;
for thou alone, O Lord, makest me dwell in safety.

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

A Fancy – William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

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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 12 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Tuesday 13 October

8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Wednesday 14 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 15 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 16 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Saturday 17 October

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 18 OCTOBER – ST LUKE

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 pilgrimage provides opportunities to take part in the rich liturgies of the Shrine, Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's Parish Church, a visit to the Slipper Chapel and Roman Catholic shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely Norfolk countryside near Little Walsingham. Fellowship and deepening of faith is at the heart of the pilgrimage. We hope to have a few photographs from the 2026 pilgrimage on the Cathedral website soon to give a taste of the pilgrimage.

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 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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HOW DO I GET IN TOUCH?

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