



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
CHORAL
EVENSONG

6pm
19 July 2026



WELCOME

ORDINARY TIME

In the Church year there are two periods known as *Ordinary Time*. The second period is that between the day after Pentecost until the day before Advent Sunday. The liturgical colour is green signifying life and growth in God. This provides an opportunity to reflect upon the Christian life of faith in the everyday – living out the life and love of Christ wherever we find ourselves.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We 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

Our sung worship this evening is led by Fraser Ellson, tenor lay clerk.

PRECES AND RESPONSES *Plainsong*

CANTICLES Evening Service in E flat *Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Reverend Canon Rachel Young and
The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford, 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.

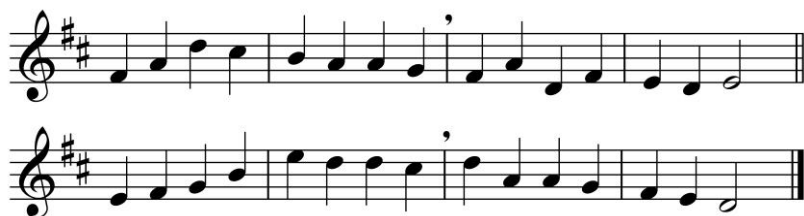
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME The Reverend Canon Rachel Young

HYMN



All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou will give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the church's song must be,
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

Words: William John Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Music: CP 277 All for Jesus, John Stainer (1840-1901)

Sit

PSALM 67

God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
That thy way may be known upon earth :
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us :
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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 Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** | Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-28 read by Harriet Foges

The first lesson is written in the second chapter of the first book of Kings, beginning at the tenth verse.

David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then

give half to one, and half to the other.' But the woman whose son was alive said to the king - because compassion for her son burned within her - 'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Here ends the first lesson.

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

The second lesson is written in the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is
"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, 'What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from

spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.' So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.' After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

Here ends the second lesson.

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.

Sit or Lord, have mercy upon us.
kneel 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 OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might,
who art the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of thy name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Sit

ANTHEM

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a heart, as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SERMON The Very Reverend Bob Cooper

*Sit or
kneel*

THE PRAYERS

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.**

Stand

HYMN



Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:



But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith still has its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: CP 475 Bishopthorpe (omit v. 5,6) Melody and bass from Select portions of the Psalms c.1786

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

Prelude on 'East Acklam' *Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Eucharist with Cantor *sung by Peter Coleman, lay clerk*

6pm Evensong with Cantor *sung by Fraser Ellson, lay clerk*

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

12.30pm Thursday

Evening Prayer

4pm Saturday

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Wednesday *for Mary Magdalene*

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

8pm Wednesday *at the front of the nave*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 26 JULY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6pm Evensong

PASTORAL NEWS

Linsey Martin, daughter of Sheila Kirkland, has contacted us with the news that her mother has died. Sheila had a very long history with the Cathedral, being a resident of Guildford her whole life, and attending services since 1959. She went on to serve as secretary to two Deans between 1981 and 2001 (Tony Bridge and Alex Wedderspoon) and her husband, Colin Kirkland, was chief steward until his death. Sheila has been a faithful member of the congregation throughout and, until about a month ago, could be found doing a Guide duty meeting and greeting most Tuesday mornings. There will be more news in the coming weeks about her funeral.

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.

REVIEW AND REFRESHING OF THE PRAYER LISTS

Both our long-term and short-term lists of people requesting prayer will be reviewed and refreshed at the beginning of September (this does not include the confidential list that Canon Mavis holds). If you have placed a name that you know is currently on either list and would still like it to be included in our prayers, please contact the virgers to let them know by Friday 21 August, 5pm (virger@guildford-cathedral.org). If we don't hear from you, the name will be removed.

LESSON READERS' TRAINING

There will be a session for anyone who would like to volunteer to read lessons at Cathedral services, today, Sunday 19 July at 11.15am-12.30pm after the Cathedral Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact Canon Rachel Young (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org) or just come along to the library!

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.



CONSULTATION ABOUT A NEW BISHOP OF GUILDFORD

The Vacancy in See Committee is a permanent committee (of clergy and lay members) within each diocese that becomes active when a diocesan bishop retires or leaves office. Its main tasks are to prepare a Statement of Needs, which describes the needs of the diocese and the profile of the new bishop, and to elect members from the diocese to the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC). The CNC will shortlist and interview candidates and ultimately appoint the next Bishop of Guildford.

The Vacancy in See Committee says:

‘As we begin the process of discerning who God may be calling to be our next Bishop of Guildford, we warmly invite you to share your views as part of an important diocesan consultation.’

You can share your views here: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/governance/vacancyinsee-committee-members/vacancyinsee/>

Scroll down the webpage until you get to ‘Take part in the consultation here’ and click on it. Please note that this survey will close at 8am on 20 July.

‘At the heart of this consultation is a simple but vital aim: to hear from as many people as possible about the life, hopes and future of the Diocese of Guildford. We are consulting widely across the Diocese: clergy and laity, young and old, regular and occasional churchgoers, and those serving in our military, school, prison and hospital chaplaincies. Every perspective matters, and we are keen to ensure that the breadth and richness of our diocesan life is clearly reflected for potential candidates to see.’

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

The next service of Taizé prayer at the Cathedral will be on Wednesday 22 July at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to this quiet, meditative service of sung chants, Bible readings and prayer. For more information please contact Canon Rachel Young (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org) particularly if you would like to join the 4-part singing group that supports the congregational singing.

CANON RACHEL YOUNG – RETIREMENT

After her time of faithful ministry at Guildford Cathedral, Canon Rachel Young will be retiring this summer. Rachel's last Sunday with us will be 26 July.

Following the Cathedral Eucharist, everyone is warmly invited to join us for refreshments as we give thanks for Rachel's ministry and wish her and Nigel every happiness for a long and well-deserved retirement.

A card for the congregation to sign will be available on the Guides' Desk over the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute towards a retirement gift for Rachel, donations can be made using the details below:

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Thank you for helping us give Rachel a fitting send-off as she begins this exciting new chapter.

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 and will be joining us at his Installation service at Evensong on Sunday 20 September.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our grand total has increased to £32,227 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, please contact me on 37petherwin@gmail.com and I can collect from your home. Your support is greatly valued. John Mitchell.

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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