

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER / APRIL

WEDNESDAY
OF HOLY WEEK
1 APRIL

5.30pm
Evening Prayer

7pm
Tenebrae (c.45 mins)
A solemn service in which we reflect on the darkness at the time of Christ's death.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
2 APRIL

11am
Diocesan Chrism Eucharist

5.30pm
Evening Prayer

7pm
Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing
The evening of Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the 'Triduum', the Great Three Days. This evening we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper. In John's gospel we read an account of this meal, where Jesus washed his disciples' feet and instructed his followers to do the same for each other. This will be re-enacted as the bishop kneels to wash the feet of volunteers. As Jesus moves on to Gethsemane and his subsequent betrayal and arrest, we strip the cathedral of adornments and move to the 'garden of repose' for The Watch. Those who wish to linger and pray may do so until 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY 3 APRIL

10am–11am
Good Friday All Age Service
Including craft activities and refreshments. Free – no booking necessary.

12pm–3pm
The Three Hours
Participation in the Triduum continues today with the Liturgy of Good Friday. People are welcome to come for as long as they wish and to leave at any point, or to stay for the whole time.

12pm
Hymns and Devotional Addresses
by the Holy Week Preacher

1.30pm
Choral Eucharist
The Cathedral Choir joins the gathering for this traditional reflective Good Friday service during which a large wooden cross is carried into the Nave. Some of the consecrated bread and wine from the service last night was left on the altar as a reminder of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. This will be consumed today.

5.30pm
Choral Evensong
Those familiar with this choral service will discover a solemn, pared-down, unaccompanied version for Good Friday, in keeping with the desolation and confusion experienced by Jesus' disciples following Jesus' death and burial.

EASTER EVE
SATURDAY 4 APRIL

4pm
Evening Prayer

8pm
Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY 5 APRIL
We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in our Worship today.

9.45am
Festival Eucharist

6pm
Easter Evensong

We gather as darkness falls to do the same, and to proclaim with those first disciples 'Jesus is risen!'



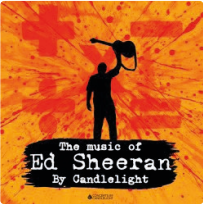
Wednesday 8 April • 10am–12.30pm
Family Fun Day
Come and see what you can create inspired by our wonderful space. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets: Free but booking essential. [guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice](https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice)

Thursday 9 April
10.30am Coffee • 11.15am Concert
Coffee Concert – Adina Smallwood
Jazz and contemporary singer
Join us for our ever-popular free Coffee Concert series. Free – no booking necessary.

Friday 24 April
7.30pm
Elvis by Candlelight
Featuring a spectacular live band, epic backing vocals and one of the UK's leading Elvis tributes. Tickets: From £35 www.concertsbycandlelight.com



Saturday 25 April
7.30pm
Ed Sheeran by Candlelight
Calling all Ed Sheeran fans... this is the moment you've been Thinking Out Loud about! The Music Of Ed Sheeran By Candlelight is finally here and guaranteed to be the PERFECT night. Tickets: From £35 www.concertsbycandlelight.com



FEATURED HIGHLIGHT

31 March to 12 April
Art Exhibition | Ukrainian Icons Exhibition
Guildford Cathedral is proud to host the powerful Icons on Ammunition Boxes exhibition, showcasing extraordinary works by Ukrainian artists who paint traditional religious icons on reclaimed ammunition boxes from active war zones. By transforming instruments of death into symbols of life, hope, and faith, the exhibition raises vital funds for frontline medical aid in Ukraine, with support from local Rotary Clubs. The exhibition has returned to the Cathedral on several occasions in recent years, helping to fund essential medical supplies and vehicles and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by the conflict.. Free entry – please check website.



COME AND SEE

Guildford Cathedral is open to all, 365 days a year, as a place of prayer, pilgrimage and daily worship.

2 hours free parking is available in the Cathedral car park. Visit the Café and Shop – whether you're after a quiet coffee, a light bite, or a meaningful souvenir, the Cathedral Café and Gift Shop make the perfect stop during your visit.

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WHAT'S ON

February
March
April
2026



FEBRUARY

Liturgy and Lent Talks
Join us after the 9:45am service for reflection and discussion.

Sunday 22 February
Canon Rachel Young
Lent and Liturgy

Sunday 1 March
The Very Reverend Bob Cooper,
Dean of Guildford
Lent and Confession

Sunday 8 March
The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith
Lent and Humility

Sunday 15 March
Canon Chris Hollingshurst
Lent and Self Discipline

Sunday 1 February • 9.45am
Sunday School

Wednesday 4 February • 10am–11.30am
Cathedral Tots

Thursday 5 February
10.30am Coffee • 11.15am Concert
Coffee Concert – Jane Cameron – Cello
Tickets: Free – no booking necessary.

Saturday 7 February • 11am–4pm
Craft & Flea
Showcasing the best local and independent makers and designers.
Tickets: £3
www.thecraftandflea.com

ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
7pm
Sung Eucharist

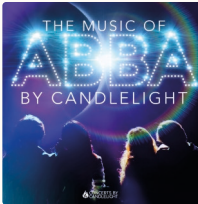
Thursday 19 February • 10am–12.30pm
Family Fun Day
Come and see what you can create inspired by our wonderful space.
Tickets: Free but booking essential.
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Thursday 26 February • 11am–11.45am
Storytime
guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice

Friday 27 February 7.30pm
The Music of Pink Floyd by Candlelight
Featuring some of the most iconic music of all time, including Another Brick in the Wall, Comfortably Numb, Wish You Were Here and more!
Tickets: From £35
www.concertsbycandlelight.com



Saturday 28 February 7.30pm
The Music of ABBA by Candlelight
Featuring iconic pop songs such as Mamma Mia, Voulez Vous, Dancing Queen and many more!
Tickets: From £35
www.concertsbycandlelight.com



Saturday 28 February • 7.30pm
Choristers concert
Anniversary Halls, St. Catherine's School, Bramley
The girl choristers sing a concert of beautiful choral music. Admission is free.
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MARCH

From 8 February to 8 March, we celebrate women composers with choral works and organ voluntaries across our services.

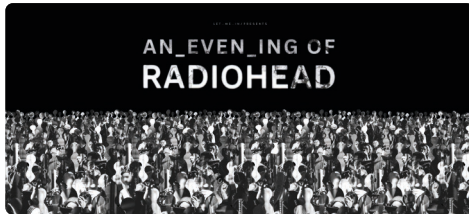


Sunday 1 March • 9.45am
Sunday School

Wednesday 4 March | 10am to 11.30am
Cathedral Tots
Join us for our monthly informal service for families, with a Bible story, children's activity and refreshments. This month our theme is God's wonderful love: The lost sheep.
Free – no booking necessary.

Thursday 5 March
10.30am Coffee • 11.15am Concert
Coffee Concert – Jozef Gaszka
Cathedral Organ Scholar
Our ever-popular free Coffee Concert series.
Free – no booking necessary

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 March • 7.30pm
An Evening of Radiohead
Performed by a full band, vocalists & string quartet. Lose yourself in this sonically spectacular celebration of Radiohead.
Tickets: From £26.66 (inc. £2.66 fee)
www.eventbrite.com/cc/an-evening-of-radiohead-2026-uk-ireland-tour



Saturday 21 March • 7pm
Waverley Singers: Exaltation!
Programme Includes Vaughan Williams: Mass in G minor, The Lark Ascending and Te Deum.
Tickets: From £18
www.ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers

17 February to 22 March
Art Exhibition | Women Change Makers
The “Women Change Makers” portrait exhibition highlights the extraordinary journeys of women who have defied societal norms and paved the way for future generations.
guildford-cathedral.org/events/



Thursday 26 March 11am–1.45am
Storytime
Join us in Seasons Café for songs, stories and rhymes, for preschoolers and carers.
Tickets: Free – booking recommended as space is limited.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Stations of the Cross
Journey through Lent by walking on the Via Dolorosa with Jesus

Thursday 19 February • 1pm
Thursday 26 February • 1pm
Friday 6 March • 1pm
Thursday 12 March • 1pm
Friday 20 March • 1pm
Friday 27 March • 1pm

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I warmly invite you to join us at Guildford Cathedral during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Journey with us through services, talks, reflections, and the Stations of the Cross, as we make space for prayer and hope.

We look forward to welcoming you among us.

 **The Very Reverend Bob Cooper**
Dean of Guildford

ONE STEP AT A TIME
...approach Holy Week as a journey, steps along which are taken each day...

For centuries, Christians have found that the one of the most moving ways of encountering the depth of God's love for the world, is to approach Holy Week as a journey, steps along which are taken each day in a devotional pattern that includes a liturgical act of worship.

Whether or not you have done this before, we would encourage you to come to the Cathedral for a service each day between Palm Sunday and Easter Day: joining the triumphal entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, walking with Jesus through his final days, standing close by in his passion and death, and rejoicing with overwhelming amazement as the disciples make their discovery of the empty tomb.

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY 29 MARCH

10.30am
Palm Sunday Procession and Holy Communion

6.00pm
Service of Music and Readings for Passiontide
As we begin Holy Week we gather for this evening of reflective readings with music and sermon by the Holy Week Preacher.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
30 MARCH

5.30pm
Evensong

8.30pm
Holy Week address by the Holy Week Preacher

9pm
Sung Compline

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
31 MARCH

5.30pm
Evensong

8.30pm
Holy Week address by the Holy Week Preacher

9pm
Sung Compline



Holy Week Preacher

The Revd Jo Winn-Smith is Chaplain to the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking, and an elected member of the Church of England's General Synod. With a background in theology, pastoral ministry and church leadership, she brings deep insight into faith, vocation and the life of the Church as she leads us through Holy Week.

