

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

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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