

JANUARY

Sunday 4 January • 9.45am
Sunday School

Tuesday 6 January • 7pm
Choral Eucharist For The Epiphany
This service will be sung by the Whyte Effect.

Wednesday 14 January 2026 • 10am–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: Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 18 January • 6pm
Choral Evensong
As part of this service the choir will sing Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' featuring Royal Philharmonic Orchestra principal harpist Suzy Kawalec.

Thursday 22 January 2026 • 11am–11.45am
Storytime at the Cathedral
Join us in Seasons Café for songs, stories and rhymes, for preschoolers and carers. Tickets: Free but booking recommended as space is limited.



Friday 23 January • 7.30pm
Queen by Candlelight
Featuring timeless classics including Bohemian Rhapsody, It's a Kind of Magic, We Are The Champions and many more. Tickets: From £35
www.boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com



Saturday 24 January • 7.30pm
Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight
Featuring best loved songs including Little Lies, The Chain, Rhiannon, Don't Stop and many more. Tickets: From £35
www.boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com



Wednesday 28 January • 8pm–9pm
Taizé Service
This simple yet profound service invites us to pause, listen, and be still in God's presence. The service will begin and end in silence, following the tradition of Taizé.



FEATURED HIGHLIGHT

30 November to 2 February 2026
Advent to Candlemas
Children's Diocesan Schools Art
The theme for the Schools' Christmas Art exhibition this year will be 'Joy to the World' using the verse from Luke 2:10 'Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people.' Schools will be encouraged to illustrate this in any way that they wish. There will be a trail for younger visitors to follow.



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.



BOX OFFICE



DONATE

I warmly invite you to join us at Guildford Cathedral this Advent and Christmas. Come, find space for worship and joy, we look forward to welcoming you among us.

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

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY AND CANDLEMAS

THE SEASON BEGINS WITH...
Advent Sunday starts on 30 November and ends with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas – on 2 February. Along the way, travel beside Mary and Joseph on their journeys; witness the shepherds as they come to see the newborn Jesus; share the wonder and joy of the Wise Men as they visit the Christ child; and stand with Simeon and Anna as they behold God's promise fulfilled. It's all here – come and be part of the journey.



ADVENT SUNDAY
Sunday 30 November
• 9.45am
Choral Eucharist
With the lighting of the first Advent candle, remembering our ancestors in faith.

• 6pm
Advent Carol Service
In this service we look forward to the coming of Jesus as Saviour of the world in music and readings.

Sunday 21 December
• 6pm
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Our traditional carol service. Hear the Christmas story from the very beginning to the birth of Jesus through bible readings, carols, and stunning choral music. If you are unable to attend the service on Sunday 21 December, it will take place again on Thursday 25 December at 4pm.

Wednesday 24 December
• 4pm
Journey to Bethlehem
A service for all ages, with the Cathedral Choristers and Stag Hill Phil., exploring the Christmas story and message.

• 11pm
Midnight Mass
Marking the beginning of Christmas, this service includes John Tavener's famous Christmas Proclamation.

Thursday 25 December
• 10am
The Eucharist of Christmas Day
Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

• 4pm
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Our traditional carol service. Hear the Christmas story from the very beginning to the birth of Jesus through bible readings, carols, and stunning choral music.

2026
Tuesday 6 January
• 7pm
Choral Eucharist for Epiphany

Sunday 11 January
• 6pm
Epiphany Carol Service
A Service that recalls how Jesus was made known to the world by the visit of the Wise Men.

Monday 2 February
Candlemas
• 7pm
Choral Eucharist for Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

The presentation of Christ in the Temple is the conclusion of Epiphanytide with the blessing of candles as a sign of Jesus being the light of the world.

There are more services during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Choral Evensong during the week, with the Eucharist and Evensong on Sundays to which all are welcome. For the full list visit: www.guildford-cathedral.org



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ADVENT TO
CANDLEMAS

**1 November 2025
to 2 February 2026**



NOVEMBER

Ends Monday 3 November
Jacqui Parkinson: Threads Through the Cross
Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson presents Threads Through the Cross, a stunning series of panels exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. From his birth to his final weeks, culminating in Pentecost, Jacqui’s intricate stitching and vibrant designs bring the story of Christ to life.

Saturday 1 November • 10am–4pm
Craft & Flea
Showcasing local makers and designers.
Tickets: £3
www.thecraftandflea.com

Saturday 1 November • 7pm
All Saints Eucharist
Today we give thanks for the people whose Christian lives have been an example of holiness to others.

Sunday 2 November • 9.45am
Sunday School

Sunday 2 November • 6pm
Requiem Eucharist for All Souls
To add the name of a loved one who has died within the past twelve months, please email: liturgymusic@guildford-cathedral.org

Monday 3 November • 2pm
Cathedral Guided Tour
Join our knowledgeable Guides for a Guided Tour exploring The Cathedral.
Tickets: £6.50
www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/861

Wednesday 5 November • 10am–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: Prophets and Priests
Tickets: Free

Thursday 6 November • 7.30pm–10pm
The Tribute to George Michael
Spanning from Wham! to his solo journey.
Tickets: From £26.99
www.wowevents.uk/



Saturday 8 November
The Great Gatsby Ball
Enjoy a live swing band, sparkling cocktails, vintage décor, and the thrill of old-school charm in every corner.
Session 1 Start time: 4:45pm to 8.15pm
Session 2 Start time: 8:45pm to 12:15am
Tickets: From £38.94
www.gatsbyguildford.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 9 November • 10:55am
County Service of Remembrance
A choral service including two minutes’ silence to remember all who have fallen in conflict.



Sunday 9 November • 6pm
Requiem Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday
A choral requiem service to bring before God all who have fallen in conflict.

Thursday 13 November • 10:30am–12noon
Free Coffee Concert



Thursday 13 November • 10am–2pm
Mini Christmas market in Seasons Café
Browse a delightful selection of handpicked stalls in our café, each brimming with unique gifts, seasonal treats, handcrafted goods, and festive surprises.

Friday 14 November • 5.30pm
Schools’ Evensong Project
Choral Evensong sung jointly by the Cathedral Choir and Gordon’s School Choir.

Wednesday 19 November • 7pm–8.45pm
Nadia Eide’s ‘Winter Light’
Singing festive favourites and classic songs, this show is sure to bring the Christmas joy! Features a special guest choir.
Tickets: From £26.99
www.eventbrite.co.uk



Friday 21 • 10am–5pm &
Saturday 22 November • 10am–5pm
Guildford Cathedral Christmas Fair
Over 50 stalls selling an eclectic mix of Christmas gifts and decorations, spirits, including jewellery, accessories and much, much more.
Tickets: Entry on the door – £3 per person; under 15s free but must be accompanied.
www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/christmas-fair

Thursday 27 November • 11am–11.45am
Storytime at the Cathedral
Join us in Seasons Café for songs, stories and rhymes, for preschoolers and carers.
Tickets: Free but booking recommended as space is limited.

Saturday 29 November • 10am–4pm
Etsy Guildford Christmas Market
A seasonal festival of unique gifts handcrafted by local artisans and makers.
Tickets: Free
www.facebook.com/etsyguildford/

Sunday 30 November • 6pm
Advent Carol Service
In this service we look forward to the coming of Jesus as Saviour of the world in music and readings.

Sunday 30 November 2025 to Monday 2 February 2026
Joy to the world Christmas Art
The annual Christmas art exhibition at Guildford Cathedral showcases artwork from pupils of all ages, inspired this year by the theme ‘Joy to the World’ (Luke 2:10). Celebrating how Jesus brings joy and hope, even in challenging times.

DECEMBER

Monday 1 Dec to Wednesday 31 Dec
Lucia and Starboy Sculpture by Vincent Gray MRSS
Celebrating Saint Lucy’s Day with light, peace, and joy.



Wednesday 3 December • 9am–10am
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 Greatest Gift.
Tickets: Free

Wednesday 3 December • 7.30pm–9.30pm
Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas by Candlelight
CityMusic Promotions presents Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas, featuring Beethoven – Emperor Piano Concerto, Vivaldi – Four Seasons and Traditional – Festive Medley.
Tickets: From £22.38
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vivaldi-four-seasons-at-christmas-by-candlelight-tickets-1395929244949



Sunday 7 December • 9.45am
Sunday School

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Phyllis Tuckwell Light up a Life 2025
Join this special carol concert and see the names of all those being remembered projected up onto the Cathedral.
www.pth.org.uk/support-us/donate/light-up-a-life



Wednesday 10 December • 7.30pm
Guildford Carol Concert (Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey, Sussex)
Fund-raising concert of seasonal carols and readings for this popular charity featuring the Guildford Cathedral Singers.
Tickets: From £15
www.aakss.org.uk/guildford-carol-concert

11 December • 11am–11.45am
Storytime at the Cathedral
Join us in Seasons Café for songs, stories and rhymes, for preschoolers and carers.
Tickets: Free but booking recommended as space is limited.



Saturday 13 December • 2pm–3pm, 3.45pm–4.45pm and 6.30pm–7.30
The Snowman Concert
Make it a Christmas to remember, with a special screening of family favourite The Snowman, plus Wallace & Gromit, accompanied by a live orchestra
Tickets: From £17.64
www.carrotproductions.com/whats-on/snowman-tour



Thursday 18 December • 11am
Age UK Surrey Christmas Carol Service
Be uplifted by this fabulous carol service, with refreshments from 10.30am. Special guests include Tormead Prep School Choir, Guildford Cathedral Singers, and the Guildford, Godalming & Farnham Rock Choir.



Saturday 20 December • 7.30pm
Sir John Rutter’s Christmas Celebration
Join us at Guildford Cathedral for a magical evening with the world-renowned Sir John Rutter and the sensational Septura Brass Septet, joined by the acclaimed Cathedral Choir. Festive favourites and timeless carols conducted by Sir John Rutter and Katherine Dienes-Williams.
Tickets: £19–£45
www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/929

Sunday 21 December • 6pm (doors open 5.30pm)
Thursday 25 December • 4pm (doors open 3.30pm)
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Our traditional carol service which tells the story of Jesus’s birth in music and readings.

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