



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Welcome

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 24 December 2017

LECTIO DIVINA takes place today at 8.45am in the Library. An informal opportunity to reflect on scripture together in a contemplative way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is taking a break and resuming on Sunday 7 January. There is a DIY crèche in the Exhibition Room (next to the Library) for under 3s. For services in the Nave, hymn books and Books of Common Prayer can be found behind the kneeler on the seat in front of you.

GIVING: Regular worshippers are asked to join the Planned Giving Scheme. For more information please ask a Steward. This helps the Cathedral greatly with financial planning. Visitors and UK taxpayers are asked to use the Gift Aid envelope for their offering towards the work and worship of the Cathedral. Please complete the details on the envelope to enable us to claim back the tax as Gift Aid. (Cheques to Guildford Cathedral.) It is not necessary for non-taxpayers to use the envelopes.

COMMUNITY: If you have been worshipping here for a little while, and are beginning to feel at home and would like to know more about playing your part in the life of this community, please get in touch via welcome@guildford-cathedral.org. If you have been a regular at the Cathedral for six months or more, please ensure that your name is added to the Cathedral Community Roll – forms available from the Stewards.

NEWS SHEETS: The last six editions can be viewed from the website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/news>

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TODAY'S SERVICES

8am Holy Communion

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Luke 1.26-38

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

PRESIDENT Canon Julie Gittoes

SETTING Missa Brevis in C (K.220), *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

THE ADVENT PROSE

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 read by Ann Bourne

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people

Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

GRADUAL Magnificat in G, *Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 16.25-end read by Tim Clifford-Hill

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 1.26-38



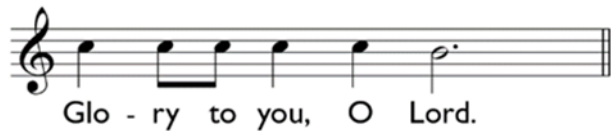
Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Canon Andrew Bishop
An Earthly Tree, *Francis Kindlemarsh (fl. 1570)*

*An earthly tree a heav'nly fruit it bare,
A case of clay contain'd a crown immortal,
a crown of crowns,
a king whose cost and care redeem'd poor man,
whose race was thrall, to death, to doom, to pains of everlasting,
by his sweet death, scorns, stripes and often fasting*

*A star above the stars, a sun of light,
whose blessed beams this wretched earth
bespread with hope of heav'n,
and of God's son the sight which in our flesh
and sinful soul lay dead.*

*O faith, O hope, O joys renown'd for ever,
O lively life, that deathless shall persevere.*

*Then let us sing the lullabys of sleep,
to this sweet babe born to awake us all
from drowsy sin,
that made old Adam weep
and by his fault gave to mankind the fall,
for lo, this day, the birthday day of days,
summons our songs, to give him laud and praise.*

INTERCESSIONS led by Maureen Pappin
HYMN 58

MOTET A tender shoot, *Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*

A tender shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted,
From Jesse's holy race,
It blooms without blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring,
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing,
Our God of endless might,
Gave her this child to save us
Thus turning darkness into light.

Text: anon 16th C, tr William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 49

ORGAN Fugua sopra il Magnificat (BVW 739), *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*
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11.30am Choral Mattins

HYMNS 242, 244

PSALM 144

RESPONSES *William Byrd, (1540-1623)*

BENEDICTUS *Tonus Peregrinus and Fauxbourdons, Philip Moore (b.1943)*

READINGS *Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7*

ANTHEM *Mary's Lullaby, John Rutter (b.1945)*

See the child that Mary bore
on her lap so softly sleeping.
In a stable cold and poor
ox and ass their vigil keeping.

*Sing lullaby, sing lullaby
my own dear son, my child.
Lullaby, sing lullaby
lullaby, my little baby.*

Flights of angels round his head
sing him joyful hymns of greeting.
Peace on earth, goodwill to men
each to each the song repeating.

Shepherds kneeling by his bed
offer homage without measure;
Wise men, by a bright star led
bring him gifts of richest treasure.

ORGAN *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen, Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)*

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Journey to Bethlehem

*Cathedral Choir with Stag Hill Philharmonic Orchestra. For people of all ages –
an interactive service re-telling the Christmas Story*

Please see separate Order of Service

11.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas

Please see separate Order of Service

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Natallie Aldridge, Janice Berryman, Ben Edwards, Noreen Eldridge, Jenny Ellis, Ineke Geusebrook, Joan Hughes, Peter Martin, Mary Morris, Margaret, Alicia Pettit, Anne Rubin, Paul Smith

Year's mind: Thetis Blacker, Coral Colgate, Alan Hobbs, Nancy Munfield

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Lady Chapel

10.00 Choral Eucharist for Christmas Day

16.00 Service of Lessons and Carols

TUESDAY 26 • Stephen, deacon, first martyr

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

WEDNESDAY 27 • John, Apostle and Evangelist

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 28 • The Holy Innocents

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

FRIDAY 29 • Thomas Becket, Archbishop, martyr 1170

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

SATURDAY 30

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 31 December First Sunday of Christmas

8.00 Holy Communion Lady Chapel

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Luke 2.15-21

9.45 The Cathedral Eucharist *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

PRESIDENT Canon Julie Gittoes

PREACHER The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21

11.30 Choral Mattins *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

READINGS Isaiah 63.7-9; Ephesians 3.5-12

18.00 Evening Prayer with Carols

PREACHER Canon Julie Gittoes

READINGS Jeremiah 23.1-6; Colossians 2.8-15

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY SUNDAY

8.45 Lectio Divina (Library)

NOTICEBOARD

Decorations in the Cathedral

Many thanks to Sue Howland, Elaine Brown, Maureen Welch, Hazel Sharples and the Flower Team for the wonderful flower arrangements in the Cathedral.

Thank you from the Cathedral clergy

Andrew, Dianna, Julie, Mavis, Paul and Stuart thank everyone for their kind Christmas greetings and send best wishes and Christmas blessings to all at the Cathedral.

Christmas Cards for members of the congregation

The Cathedral Community Committee has set up trays to receive Christmas cards for members of the congregation. This morning is the final opportunity to leave cards. There is no capacity for storing any cards after 7 January. Any left uncollected will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

A huge thank you to all volunteers from the Cathedral staff

Thank you to all the volunteers who have tirelessly helped this year. We truly value your support and would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

Shop and Seasons Café Opening Hours – Christmas / New Year Period

Seasons is completing the refurbishment of the Café and the Shop is closed for stocktaking. Seasons and the Shop re-open on Monday 8 January – Seasons at 9.00am and the Shop at 12.00noon. The Shop and Café teams thank you for your support in 2017 and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

North Guildford Food Bank and No 5 Project

Last week Sonia took our food collection and ‘Christmas presents for the adults’ to the Foodbank and the No 5 Project. The No 5 Project had, literally, just posted a request for gloves and were thrilled that their request had been answered so promptly. Sonia was able to give our presents of warm scarves, hats for children and adults, gloves, and socks to those visiting the Food Bank and to tell them that they were presents from ‘friends at the Cathedral’. Thank you to everyone for making this possible.

Contactless donation trial

If you’re anything like the Queen, you may not carry cash on you. To this end we’re excited to be one of 12 cathedrals taking part in the Church of England’s contactless donation box trial. You can find it at the main West end entrance to the Cathedral, where a quick tap of your contactless card will make a £5 donation towards our work and ministry here. Simple! Please do help make this three month trial a success and encourage others to take this opportunity to support us. For further information contact Head of Fundraising Susan Barry on 01483 547878/susan@guildford-cathedral.org

Come and enjoy a visit during the holiday period

The Cathedral is open every day for visitors and pilgrims. There are a variety of self-guided tours which focus on particular aspects of our wonderful building including a self-guided pilgrimage. For children there are new trails, including Hidden Animals and Explorer Bags to help them find them. More than 200 angels, made by children in our church schools are on display. Come and see how many you can find.

Coins Scheme

The Cathedral welcomes donations of old UK and foreign currency, both notes and coins, to help with fundraising. We have raised £16,390 over 10 years. If you have left-over coins and notes from any country, of any age, please leave them with the Office or Sacristy. Very many thanks.

God and the Big Bang – 17 January 2018 7pm to 9pm

An opportunity to explore the interaction of science and faith. Join Professor Andrew Halestrap, Amy Johnson and Hannah Malcolm for a thought provoking evening with interactive workshops. For more information contact Charlotte Potter, Head of Schools and Family Learning charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org 01483 547880 or the Box Office www.guildfordcathedral.org/events/boxoffice

Guildford Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2018

The Cathedral Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place over the weekend of 15 to 17 June 2018. We are not at this stage asking for firm bookings but suggest that anyone interested should make a note of these dates in their diary. In 2018, we shall be joined by pilgrims from the Parish of St Nicolas, Guildford. Further information may be obtained from Richard North on 01252 794802 or from Canon Andrew, both of whom will be happy to tell you more about Walsingham, what it is, and what it isn't! The regular pilgrimage has been a source of blessing to a number of pilgrims from the Cathedral over the years.

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CONTACTS

Cathedral Office Christmas hours

The Cathedral Office will close at 1.00pm on Friday 22 December and re-open at 9am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

The Dean's PA (including contact details for the clergy)
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To contact a priest in an emergency please phone Emma Law 01483 547 862 (Monday to Friday) or Virgers (Saturday, Sunday and holidays) 01483 547 877 or 07854 564490

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Sermon blogs

Canon Julie's and Canon Andrew's sermons can be found on their blogs, <http://juliegittoes.blogspot.co.uk> and <https://canonandrewb.blogspot.co.uk>

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER • Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

10am Eucharist for Christmas Day

4pm Service of Lessons and Carols

A traditional service of readings and music with the Cathedral Choir

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER • The First Sunday OF Christmas

8am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.45am The Cathedral Eucharist
sung by members of Guildford Cathedral Singers

11.30am Choral Mattins
sung by members of Guildford Cathedral Singers

6pm First Evening Prayer of the naming and Circumcision of Jesus
with carols

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY • THE EPIPHANY

5pm Sung Eucharist with the Presentation of Gifts
sung by RSCM Voices South

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY • THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.45am The Cathedral Eucharist (Traditional Rite)
sung by Stag Montem Chorem

11.30am Choral Mattins
sung by Stag Montem Chorem

6pm Choral Evensong
sung by Stag Montem Chorem

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY • THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.45am The Cathedral Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Choir

6pm Epiphany Carol Service
sung by the Cathedral Choir



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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL is a place of prayer, reflection, work and celebration, held in particular affection by the many thousands of people who helped build it by buying a brick. There is much to offer to visitors and to those who are looking for a church community to call home. All regular weekday and Sunday services are open to all. The beautiful building and the excellent choral tradition contribute to making our Cathedral a place to which, once visited, you will want to return. As well as the rhythm of daily worship we maintain an exciting programme of arts, events, lectures, workshops, exhibitions and concerts.

The Cathedral is a centre for worship and mission to support the ministry of the Bishop in faith and engagement. The Cathedral is a sacred space and an open community of people who together engage with God and the wider world, for the common good. It is a focus and resource for the whole community: a place of daily choral worship, a space for stillness and prayer, a place of pilgrimage and a venue for concerts, art and education.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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