



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Welcome

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday 31 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 will resume on 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 Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Luke 2.15-21

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

PRESIDENT Canon Julie Gittoes

SETTING Communion Service in F, *Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

HYMN 64

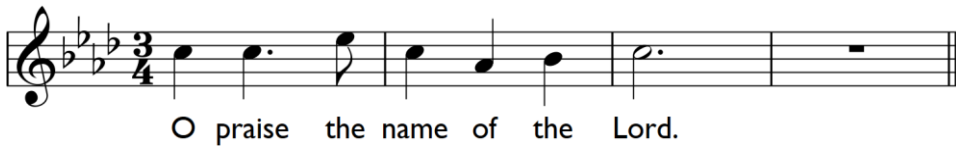
COLLECT

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61.10-62.3; read by Maureen Pappin

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

PSALM 148.7-end



Praise the Lord from the earth :
You sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail snow and mist :
Tempestuous wind fulfilling his word.
Mountains and all hills :
Fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle :
Creeping things and birds on the wing; **Response**

Kings of the earth and all people :
Princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and women, old and young together,
let them praise the Name of the Lord :
For his Name only is exalted;
his splendour above earth and heaven. **Response**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 4.4-7; read by Janet Lawson

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.15-21



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir At various times in the past and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

INTERCESSIONS led by John Mitchell

HYMN 55

MOTET The angel Gabriel, *trad. arr. Edgar Pettman (1866-1943)*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden, Mary,
most highly favoured lady', Gloria!

For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and ho nor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God', she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name',
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 57

ORGAN Quand Dieu naquit à Noël, *Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

11.30am Choral Mattins *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

HYMNS 73, 74

PSALM 105.1-11

RESPONSES *John Barnard (b. 1948)*

JUBILATE IN C *Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*

READINGS Isaiah 63.7-9; Ephesians 3.5-12

ANTHEM *The Sussex Carol, arr. John Bawden, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring -
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

ORGAN Fugue in C major (BWV 545.ii), *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

6pm Evening Prayer

First Evening Prayer of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

HYMNS 73, 74

PSALM 148

READINGS Jeremiah 23.1-6; Colossians 2.8-15

PREACHER Canon Julie Gittoes

ORGAN Cradle Song, *Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

PRAYERS

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

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY 1 January • NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

TUESDAY 2 • Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers, 379 & 389

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

WEDNESDAY 3

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 4

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

FRIDAY 5

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

SATURDAY 6 • THE EPIPHANY

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing (said) Lady Chapel

17.00 Choral Eucharist and Procession *sung by RSCM Voices (south)*

NEXT SUNDAY 7 January The Baptism of Christ

8.00 **Holy Communion** Lady Chapel

PRESIDENT Canon Julie Gittoes

READINGS Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

9.45 **The Cathedral Eucharist** *sung by Stag Montem Chorum*

PRESIDENT Canon Andrew Bishop

PREACHER The Reverend Neil Vigers

READINGS Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

11.30 **Choral Mattins** *sung by Stag Montem Chorum*

READINGS 1 Samuel 16.1-3, 13; John 1.29-34

18.00 **Choral Evensong** *sung by Stag Montem Chorum*

PREACHER Canon Julie Gittoes

READINGS Isaiah 42.1-9; Ephesians 2.1-10

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 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 blessings for 2018 to all at the Cathedral.

Congratulations to Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

Bishop Andrew has announced new members of the College of Canons and we are delighted that Shirley-Margaret is to be appointed an Honorary Lay Canon in recognition of her service to the Cathedral and Diocese over many years. Details of the Installation will follow in due course.

Christmas Cards for members of the congregation

Please to check to see if you have any Christmas Cards in the Community Committee trays at the west end of the Cathedral. There is no capacity for storing any cards after 7 January. Any left uncollected will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

Service of Wholeness and Healing - Saturday 6 January

Since the early days of the Church, human touch and anointing with oil have played an important role in worship and pastoral care, symbolising both comfort and healing. On the first Saturday of each month during Holy Communion there is an opportunity to receive prayer with laying on of hands and anointing. You may like prayer for yourself or for another. There is no need to say what the need is – God knows our hearts. All are welcome. The service is in the Lady Chapel and begins at 9.00am and lasts about 40 minutes.

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.

Daily Services 26 to 1 January

Please note that Morning Prayer will be said at 8.40am and Holy Communion celebrated each day at 9.00am. Evening Prayer will be said at 4.00pm. The services will take place in the Lady Chapel. All welcome.

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

Advent Angels here until Epiphany

This is the last week to see the angels created by the pupils of the church schools in our diocese. More than 200 angels have been in the Cathedral since Advent. In our Christian tradition angels are messengers of God and we thank all who made these reminders of God's presence in our lives with God's love reaching out to all people throughout all time.

Come and enjoy a Tour 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.

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

An exciting event to get you thinking about and exploring the interaction of Science and Faith with interactive workshops. Join with Professor Andrew Halestrap, Amy Johnson and Hannah Malcolm for a thought provoking evening. For more information contact Charlotte Potter, Head of Schools' and Family Learning on: 01483 547880 or charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org
To book visit 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.

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.

CONTACTS

The Cathedral Office is usually open for callers from 9am to 1pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

01483 547 860 reception@guildford-cathedral.org

Christmas hours

The Cathedral Office will 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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The Venerable Stuart Beake (h) 01483 893 981

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The Reverend Canon Dr Julie Gittoes (o) 01483 547 863 (m) 07702 151 173

The Reverend Canon Dr Paul Smith (o) 01483 547 865 (h) 01483 562 378

The Reverend Canon Mavis Wilson (h) 01483 808 097 (m) 07940 846 043

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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>

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

Special Services, Group Bookings and Tours
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