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Welcome

# The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 16 December 2018

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**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** for 3-11 year olds takes place in the Library. There is a DIY crèche in the Exhibition Room (next to the Library) for under 3s.

**HYMN BOOKS** 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.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** Coffee and tea and other refreshments available at the back of Seasons. No need to queue.

**GIVING** Regular worshippers are asked to join the Planned Giving Scheme. For more information please ask a Steward. Visitors and UK taxpayers are asked to use the Gift Aid envelope for their offering towards the work and worship of the Cathedral, or donate via the contactless donation box at the west end of the back of the Cathedral.

**COMMUNITY** If you would like to contact the clergy their details are on the back of the News Sheet. 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** Canon Julie Gittoes

**READINGS** Zephaniah 3.14-end; Luke 3.7-18

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## 9.45 am The Cathedral Eucharist

*sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

**PRESIDENT** Canon Julie Gittoes

**SETTING** Missa super Pilons l'orge *Orlando de Lassus (1532-1594)*

### THE ADVENT PROSE

#### COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger

to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 3.14-end read by Janet Lawson

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

## PSALM | 46.4-end



The Lord shall reign for e - ver.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help :  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
Who made heaven and earth; the sea and all that is in them :  
Who keeps his promise for ever;  
Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong :  
And bread to those who hunger. **Response**

The Lord looses those that are bound :  
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down :  
The Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow :  
But the way of the wicked he turns upside down.  
The Lord shall reign for ever :  
Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. **Response**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4.4-7 read by Bob Ellison

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 3.7-18



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

**SERMON** Canon Paul Smith

**INTERCESSIONS** led by James Luckey

**HYMN** 87 (omit v 4)

**MOTET** The angel Gabriel, *traditional arranged by 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**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **HYMN 31**

**ORGAN** Wachtet auf ruft uns die Stimme (Op. 67, No 41)  
*Max Reger (1873-1916)*

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**11.30am Mattins** (said) Lady Chapel

**HYMNS** 36, 37

**READINGS** Isaiah 25.1-9; I Corinthians 4.1-5

**ORGAN** Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (BuxWV 211) *D.Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

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**6pm Choral Evensong** sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers

**HYMNS** 34, 30 (tune 6ii), 38 (omit \*)

**PSALM** 50.1-6

**RESPONSES** *Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

**CANTICLES** Evening service in C, *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

**READINGS** Isaiah 35; Luke 1.57-66

**ANTHEM** All my heart this night rejoices *traditional arr. John Barnard (b. 1948)*

All my heart this night rejoices,  
as I hear, far and near,  
sweetest angel voices.  
"Christ is born," their choirs are  
singing till the air ev'rywhere  
now with joy is ringing.

Harken from a humble manger,  
comes the call, 'One and all,  
flee from sin and danger!  
Let nothing grieve you:  
You are freed!  
All you need I will surely give you.'

Gather then from every nation;  
here let all, great and small,  
kneel in adoration;  
love him who with love is yearning:  
hail the star that from far  
with bright hope is burning!

You, my Lord, with love I'll cherish,  
live to you, and with you dying,  
shall not perish,  
but shall dwell with you for ever far  
on high,  
in the joy that can alter never,  
that can alter never.

*text: after P Gerhardt (1607-1676; Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) altered*

**SERMON** The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

**ORGAN** Prelude in C minor (BWV 546) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

### **MONDAY 17** • *O Sapientia*

*Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save The Children', 1928*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

14.30 Guildford County School Carol Service

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

### **TUESDAY 18** • *O Adonai*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

12.00 Diocesan Staff Carol Service

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

### **WEDNESDAY 19** • *O Radix Jesse*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

### **THURSDAY 20** • *O Clavis David*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

11.00 Age UK Surrey Carol Service

17.30 Choral Evensong

### **FRIDAY 21** • *O Oriens*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Choral Evensong

## **SATURDAY 22 • *O Rex Gentium***

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

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## **PRAYER MATTERS**

**Those for whom prayers have been asked:** Gillian Doherty, Ben Edwards, Lyn Gray, Josephine, Peter Lawson, Joyce Pugh, Janet Rogers, Mark Wardell

**Those who have recently died:** Charlotte Ropner

**Year's Mind:** Percy Barber, Brian Burgess, David Tribe

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## **NEXT SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER    The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.00 **Holy Communion** Lady Chapel

**PRESIDENT** Reverend Neil Vigers

**READINGS** Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.39-45

9.45 **Choral Eucharist**

**PRESIDENT** The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

**PREACHER** Canon Julie Gittoes

**READINGS** Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

11.30 **Choral Mattins**

**READINGS** Isaiah 32.1-8; Revelation 22.6-end

18.00 **A Service of Lessons and Carols** *Doors open at 5.30 pm*

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## **THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

### **TODAY**

8.45 Lectio Divina (Library)

10.30 to 12.00 Spiritual Conversations (Lady Chapel)

### **MONDAY 17**

10.30 Volunteers' Training Meeting (Chapter House)

### **TUESDAY 18**

10.00 Cathedral Staff Meeting (Chapter House)

### **THURSDAY 20**

14.00 Staff Training Meeting (Chapter House)

### **FRIDAY 21**

14.30 to 15.30 Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confessions) (Lady Chapel)

## **SATURDAY 22**

10.00 to 11.00 Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confessions) (Lady Chapel)

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# **NOTICEBOARD**

*Please note that the Nave will be closed to visitors on Tuesday from 1345 to 16.00 due to a school Carol Service. The Lady Chapel is open for prayer, via the northeast door.*

### **Advent decorations**

Many thanks to Sue Howland and her team for the lovely wreaths and other decorations in the Cathedral for the Advent season.

### **Seasons Café – TODAY, Sunday 16 December**

After the Eucharist today Seasons will be serving roast turkey or roast beef with all the trimmings for lunch at £11.50 each. All are welcome.

### **Shop and Seasons Café Opening Hours for Christmas and New Year**

The Shop and Seasons Café will close at 6.00 pm on Sunday 23 December. The Café will re-open at 9.00 am on Wednesday 3 January and the Shop at 12.00 noon. The Shop and Café teams thank you for your support in 2018 and look forward to seeing you before they close next Sunday.

### **O Sapientia**

You may have seen in the Cathedral music list, elsewhere in this news sheet or in prayer books, the mysterious little reference to 'O Sapientia'. It is the first of a series of refrains, known as antiphons, that are said or sung before and after the Magnificat on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve (17-23 December). They are also sung in the Advent hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'. At Evening Prayer tonight the first antiphon from Ecclesiasticus 24.3 and Wisdom 8.1 will be sung before and after the Magnificat: *O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.* You may like to incorporate them in your prayers each day before Christmas. More information is on the website [www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/the-advent-antiphons](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/the-advent-antiphons)

### **Age UK Surrey Carol Service – Thursday 20 December 11.00am**

We are delighted to be hosting Age UK again this year and look forward to welcoming the High Sheriff of Surrey, the Deputy Mayor of Guildford and Mayors from the other many of the local authorities in our Diocese. Free coffee available from 10.15. If any members of the Cathedral community would be able to be part of the hospitality team that morning we'd really appreciate it. Please let Rachel know if you can help at [visit@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:visit@guildford-cathedral.org) or 01483 547 874.



## **Advent groups – Thursday 20 and Saturday 22 December**

All welcome, no pre-reading necessary. We are using meditations from Becky Lovatt's *Beyond the Chocolate Window* to explore the stories and songs which give voice to the hopes of this season of waiting. Please contact Canon Julie for more information. [julie@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:julie@guildford-cathedral.org)

## **Advent Confessions**

It has long been the practice of many Christians to conclude the Advent period with the rite of Reconciliation (Confession). Clergy will be available in the Lady Chapel for an hour on Friday 21 December from 2.30 pm (Dean Dianna) and Saturday 22 December from 10.00 am (Canon Paul)

## **Spiritual Conversations – Sunday 16 and 23 December**

It may not be your custom to come for Confession but you might value a spiritual conversation about your faith, prayer, joys, doubts or struggles with the Christian faith. We have a group of trained prayer guides in the cathedral who would be pleased to listen to you and, if you wish, pray with you. They will be available, along with Canon Mavis Wilson, to-day and next Sunday. Please make your way when you have received Communion or after the service to the Library and you will be directed to a quiet space.

## **Advent Challenge - continues!**

[www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/adventchallenge](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/adventchallenge) It's not too late to participate in the Advent Challenge with the Bible Society, taking up a daily intentional act of kindness.

## **Church Schools Nativity Displays until Epiphany**

We are delighted that 44 Church Schools have responded to an invitation to create characters from the Nativity for display in the Cathedral. Do bring your family and friends to admire this incredible display of shepherds, wise men, donkeys, camels, sheep and even a mouse or two. Please check the website before planning a visit in Advent as there will be some closures due to Carol Services.

## **Carol Services – Sunday 23 December 6pm and Christmas Day 4pm**

These services are popular, so do plan to arrive in good time. It is the same service on both days and it will last about an hour and thirty minutes. The delight this year is that in commemoration of the 100 years of women's suffrage all the music in the service is composed by women.

## **Come and enjoy a Tour during the holiday**

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.

## **Christmas Greetings**

If you are part of a growing band of people who are trying to reduce their paper usage you may send e-Christmas cards or not send cards at all (this is the practice of the Cathedral clergy). If this is you, and you'd like to send Greetings to the members of the cathedral congregations there will be a large card available from next Sunday for this purpose and for any whose practice is to donate the money otherwise spent on cards, this will go to Guildford Action.

## **Safeguarding**

The Church of England has commissioned an independent audit of cathedral safeguarding arrangements. The audit of safeguarding at Guildford Cathedral will be conducted between 5th and 7th February 2019. The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), a leading improvement agency, is conducting these safeguarding audits. Two SCIE auditors will be visiting the Cathedral, for a visit lasting 2.5 or 3 days. As well as looking at safeguarding files, policies and training, they will meet with safeguarding professionals and key members of Cathedral Chapter, including the Dean. In addition, they are keen to hear from congregation members, who are at the heart of cathedral life, to hear about their understanding of keeping people safe in the Cathedral, and to get their unique perspective on how this operates. If you would like to be included in a focus group, please contact Matt O'Grady on 01483 547864. The audit team are also interested in hearing from anyone with first-hand experience of turning to someone in the Cathedral for help to keep themselves or someone else safe. If you are willing to speak to the auditors on this subject, please contact Matt O'Grady on the same number. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact the SCIE directly on [learningtogether@scie.org.uk](mailto:learningtogether@scie.org.uk). Full details on taking part in the audit can be found on the Cathedral website.

## **Stewardship Thank You Sunday 13 January 6pm**

We would like to give thanks for the generous contributions of all members of our Stewardship Schemes and are regular and committed givers. We hope as many as possible will come to the Epiphany Procession and stay for the short reception afterwards.

## **Receiving Communion at home**

There are several reasons why you might find yourself unable to come to the cathedral to worship -a short or longer spell of ill health or convalescence; a period of inclement weather; family circumstances or some other reason. Whatever the case you will be missed. It is important to continue to receive the sacraments regularly and to have a sense of your continued membership of the Christian community here. The clergy and some Pastoral Assistants are very willing to visit you at home and bring Holy Communion to you. Please speak to one of the clergy or contact them by phone or email if we can help you in this way.

## **Coins Scheme**

Your unwanted UK or foreign coins are very useful to us for fundraising. Some of our supporters pass on their current 1p, 2p and 5p coins which add a welcome boost. Total £18,823. Donations may be left with Office or Sacristy.

## **WWI Display in the Treasury**

Roger Heath-Bullock has kindly organised a display of items from the Western Front, including an original mobile organ which was used at services.

## **Christmas Cards for members of the congregation**

The Cathedral Community Committee has set up trays to receive Christmas cards for members of the congregation. The final opportunity to leave cards will be Sunday 23 December. There is no capacity for storing any cards after 6 January. Any left uncollected will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

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# **CONTACTS**

The Cathedral Office is open for callers from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday. Enquiries to Lisa Hatherall, Administration Assistant 01483 547 860 or [reception@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:reception@guildford-cathedral.org)

To contact a priest in an emergency please use the numbers below or phone Emma Law 01483 547 862 (Monday to Friday) or Virgers (Saturday, Sunday and holidays) 01483 547 877 or 07854 564 490

## **The Cathedral Clergy**

are all equally available except on their rest day and can be contacted directly.

The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams (rest day – Saturday)

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The Venerable Stuart Beake (rest day – Friday) (h) 01483 893 981

The Reverend Canon Dr Julie Gittoes (rest day – Friday)

(o) 01483 547 863 (m) 07702 151 173

The Reverend Canon Dr Paul Smith (rest day – Friday)

(o) 01483 547 865 (h) 01483 562 378

The Reverend Canon Mavis Wilson (rest day – Friday)

(h) 01483 808 097 (m) 07940 846 043

## **Sermon blog**

Canon Julie's sermons can be found at <http://juliegittoes.blogspot.co.uk>



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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.

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