



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL
Welcome

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 23 December 2018

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>

TODAY'S SERVICES

8am Holy Communion

PRESIDENT The Reverend Neil Vigers

READINGS Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.39-45

9.45 am The Cathedral Eucharist

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

SETTING Missa brevis *Lennox Berkeley (1903–1989)*

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

Micah 5.2-5a read by Catherine Perkins

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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 Hebrews 10.5-10 read by Deryc Sands

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL READING Luke 1.39-45



Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God is with us’.

All **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All Alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON Canon Julie Gittoes

INTERCESSIONS led by Jonathan Neil-Smith

HYMN 242

MOTET Hevene Quene Kerry Andrew (b. 1978)

O virgo splendens;
edi beo thu, hevene queen.
Thou asteye so the daiy rewe
the deleth from the deorke nicht.
Splendens hevene queen,
of the sprong an leomme newe
that all this world haveth iliyt.
Mi swete levedi her mi bene
and reu of mi if thy wille is;
O virgo splendens.

*Blessed be you, queen of heaven,
you rose up like daybreak
from the dark night.
From you sprang a new sunbeam
which has lit all the world.
My sweet lady, hear my plea
and take pity on me if it be your will.*

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 362

ORGAN Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur l'Ave Maris Stella *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

11.30am Choral Mattins

HYMNS 40, 27

PSALM 144

RESPONSES Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

BENEDICTUS in E Philip Moore (b. 1943)

READINGS Isaiah 32.1-8; Revelation 22.6-end

ANTHEM A new Song James MacMilan (b. 1959)

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise his name,
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with his truth.

text: Psalm 96.1,2,13

ORGAN Grands Jeux (Ave Maris Stella) Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

6pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Doors open at 5.30 pm Please see separate Order of Service

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

16.00 Journey to Bethlehem – all are welcome.

Children are encouraged to dress as characters from the Nativity.

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

23.00 First Eucharist of Christmas

PRESIDENT: The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

PREACHER: The Right Reverend Andrew Watson

TUESDAY 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

10.00 Festival Eucharist

PRESIDENT: The Right Reverend Andrew Watson

PREACHER: The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

16.00 Service of Lessons and Carols

WEDNESDAY 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

THURSDAY 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

FRIDAY 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

SATURDAY 29 • Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel
9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel
16.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

PRAYER MATTERS

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

Those recently died: Jean Crimlis

Year's Mind: Thetis Blacker, Coral Colgate, Alan Hobbs, Colin Kirkland, Nancy Munfield

NEXT SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER The First Sunday of Christmas

8.00 Holy Communion Lady Chapel

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS I Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Luke 2.41-end

9.45 Choral Eucharist sung by MuziekCentrum

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

PREACHER Canon Julie Gittoes

READINGS I Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

11.30 Mattins said, with hymns (Lady Chapel)

READINGS Isaiah 41.21-42.1; I John 1.1-7

18:00 Choral Evensong sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers

PREACHER Canon Paul Smith

READINGS Isaiah 61; Galatians 3.27-4.7

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY

8.45 Lectio Divina (Library)

10.30 to 12.00 Spiritual Conversations (Lady Chapel)

NOTICEBOARD

Decorations in the Cathedral

Many thanks to Sue Howland, Hazel Sharpels and Maureen Welch for the wonderful flower arrangements in the Cathedral.

Our Crib and 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. A complete crib has been in the Narthex since Advent Sunday. Do visit after Christmas and see who is in the manger.

Thank you from the Cathedral clergy

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

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 for Christmas and New Year

The Shop and Seasons Café will close at 6.00 pm today. 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.

Spiritual Conversations – TODAY Sunday 23 December

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. 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 It's not too late to participate in the Advent Challenge with the Bible Society, taking up a daily intentional act of kindness.

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.

Daily Services 26 December – 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. Sunday Services are as detailed in the News Sheet. All welcome.

Buns on Saturday – Saturday 5 January 10am Library

All are welcome to this informal opportunity to discuss issues of life, faith and the things we might just call 'stuff', but which is important or relevant to us. All views or opinions heard and respected. Coffee, tea and fresh buns provided. More details from John and Caroline Austin, Sheila Mackelworth, Jean Deeks or the Dean.

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.

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.

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. Full details on taking part in the audit can be found on the Cathedral website.

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

Foreign coins and notes have raised £2,431 this calendar year. Since launch in 2006 the total is £18,823. Many thanks for your support. We are always keen to receive gifts of currencies from across the world, no matter how old or obsolete, in quantities large or small. Please leave with the 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.

CONTACTS

Cathedral Office Christmas hours

The Cathedral Office will close at 1.00pm on Monday 24 December and re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Enquiries to Lisa Hatherall, Administration Assistant 01483 547 860 or 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)

(o) 01483 547 862 (h) 01483 565 258

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Special Services, Group Bookings and Tours

01483 547 862 or deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

Venue Hire, Events and Box Office

01483 547 881 or katrina@guildford-cathedral.org

School and Families Visits

01483 547 880 or charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org

Cathedral Shop

01483 547 873 or shop@guildford-cathedral.org

Seasons Cafe and Restaurant

01483 563 841 or seasonscathedral@thetipsyঃ.pigs.co.uk

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