



GUILDFORD  
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Welcome

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 22 December 2019

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is taking a break and will meet next on 12 January 2020. 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.

## **ADVENT DECORATIONS AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Many thanks to Sue Howland and her team for the lovely decorations in the Cathedral for the Advent season, and to Hazel Sharples and Maureen Welch for the flowers in the Cathedral over the Christmas period.

**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** Canon Paul Smith

**READINGS** Isaiah 7.10-16; Matthew 1.18-end

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## 9.45am The Cathedral Eucharist

**PRESIDENT** Canon Paul Smith

**SETTING** Messe Solonelle *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

### 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 Isaiah 7.10-16 read by Marion Roberts

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven'. But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## PSALM 80.1-8



Turn us a-gain, O God; show the light of your coun-ten-ance and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.  
Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved. **Response**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?  
You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to drink;  
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved. **Response**

## NEW TESTAMENT Romans 1.1-7 read by Deryc Sands

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 1.18-end



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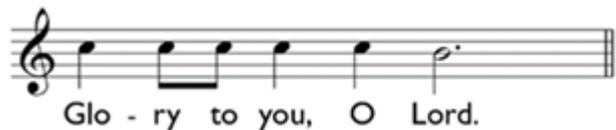
Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

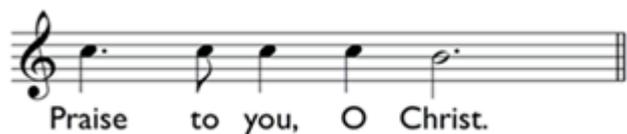
Choir The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'.

**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

**SERMON** The Venerable Stuart Beake

**HYMN** 242

**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 c16, tr William Bartholomew (1793 - 1867)*

## **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 362**

**ORGAN** Prelude in B Minor (BWV 544) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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## **11.30am Choral Mattins**

**HYMNS** 40, 27

**PSALM** 144

**RESPONSES** *Andrew Millington (b.1952)*

**SETTING** Chant Set D and A Song of Baruch *Katherine Dienes-Williams (b.1970)*

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

**ANTHEM** Domine praestolamur *William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Domine, praestolamur adventum tuum,  
ut cito venias,  
et dissolvas jugum captivitatem nostrae.

*O Lord, we await thy coming,  
that thou comest quickly  
and dissolvest the bonds of our captivity.*

Veni, Domine, noli tardare,  
relaxa facinora plebi tuae,  
et libera populum tuum.

*Come, O Lord, and tarry not:  
forgive the misdeeds of thy servants,  
and deliver thy people.*

*text: based on a Response for the Fourth Friday in Advent, Sarum Rite*

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

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## **6pm Service of Lessons and Carols**

*Please see separate Order of Service*

*The Cathedral is closed to the public from 3.30-5.30pm this afternoon whilst the choir rehearses for the Carol Service. Doors to the Cathedral will open at 5.30pm. Seasons Cafe will be open serving hot drinks and snacks until 6pm. There will also be a limited waiting area in the Narthex and the North Garth. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.*

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# PRAYER MATTERS

**Those for whom prayers have been asked:** Betty, Ben Edwards, Emma, Glen, Jessica, Nick, Sharon Luckey, Jean Milne, Chris Phelan, Frances Provost, Tim, Tony Vineall, Charles Whiffen, David Woolsey

**Those who have died recently:** Ros Hawkes, John Milne, Mary Rippon, John Stiff

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

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## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

### **MONDAY 23 • *O Emmanuel***

8am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

5.30pm Choral Evensong

### **TUESDAY 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE**

8am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Journey to Bethlehem

11pm Midnight Eucharist

**PRESIDENT:** The Right Reverend Andrew Watson

**PREACHER:** The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

### **WEDNESDAY 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY**

8am **Holy Communion** (said) Lady Chapel

10am **Festival Eucharist**

**PRESIDENT:** The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

**PREACHER:** The Right Reverend Andrew Watson

4pm **Service of Lessons and Carols**

### **THURSDAY 26 • STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR**

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

### **FRIDAY 27 • JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

### **SATURDAY 28 • THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

## **NEXT SUNDAY 29 December First Sunday of Christmas**

8am **Holy Communion** Lady Chapel

**PRESIDENT** The Reverend Neil Vigers

**READINGS** Isaiah 63.7-9; Matthew 2.13-end

9.45am **The Cathedral Eucharist** *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

**PRESIDENT** Canon Paul Smith

**PREACHER** Canon Mavis Wilson

**READINGS** Isaiah 63.7-9; Hebrews 2.10-end; Matthew 2.13-end

11.30am **Choral Mattins** *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

**READINGS** Isaiah 35.1-6; Galatians 3.23-end

6pm **Evensong** (said with hymns) Lady Chapel

**PREACHER** Canon Paul Smith

**READINGS** Isaiah 49.7-13; Philippians 2.1-11

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## **NOTICEBOARD**

### **Journey to Bethlehem – Christmas Eve 4pm**

All are very welcome to this family friendly service for people of all ages.

Children are encouraged to dress as characters from the Nativity. The service lasts about 40 minutes and is very popular so you may want to arrive early.

### **Thank you from the Cathedral clergy**

Dianna, Stuart, 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 2020.

### **Cathedral Shop - open today from 11am to 12.30pm and 3.30 to 5.45pm**

The shop will open after the Christmas break on 8 January. Huge thanks to Sharon and her team and best wishes to them for a good break. They send best wishes to all their customers and look forward to welcoming you in 2020.

### **Seasons Café**

Seasons is open until 6pm today, and then until 2pm tomorrow. Seasons will open on Thursday 2 January after Carla and her team have taken a well-earned break. Happy Christmas to all. To contact the café or Carla and her team email [seasonscathedral@thetipsypigs.co.uk](mailto:seasonscathedral@thetipsypigs.co.uk) or telephone 01483 563 841.

## **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. All welcome.

## **Travel to the Cathedral over the Christmas Period**

For those of you who travel to the Cathedral by car or train, please be aware that Guildford Rail Station will be closed from 11pm on 24 December to 4am on 31 December and Farnham Road, Guildford will be closed from 12am on 25 December to 5am on 30 December, in order for bridge strengthening works to be completed. Further details are available from <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/>

## **Cathedral Crib and Nativity Display, 1 December – 8 January**

The Cathedral Crib has been designed by children in the Church Schools in our diocese. We are delighted to receive the wonderful characters created to help tell the story of the Nativity. Do bring your family and friends to admire this incredible display.

## **Star of Wonder – from 15 to 18 January**

We're very pleased that *Luxmuralis*, who brought 'Poppy Fields to us at Remembrance 2018, will be returning in January with 'Star of Wonder'. This will be a stunning and immersive light and sound show making the best of our wonderful building. For a brief experience of what you can expect visit our website and click on the link to the video clip. <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/news/2019/star-of-wonder-15-18-january>

Tickets for timed entrance will be necessary and can be purchased in advance (for a discount) or on the door, if available. Why not buy some tickets for family or friends as a Christmas present and book your slot at the same time? Advance tickets are £2.50 for accompanied under 16's and £5 for adults and on the door will be £3.50 and £7. Tickets available through the Cathedral box office.

## **Coins Scheme**

In 2006 the Cathedral launched its scheme to raise funds from donations of foreign and old UK coins and notes. A total of £20,354 has been added to our funds as a result. If you have at home unwanted foreign or old British coins or notes, no matter how old or obsolete, the Cathedral would welcome them as donations so that we can keep this total rising! Many thanks to friends both here and overseas who help in this Scheme.

Personal Note from the Coins Scheme Co-ordinator: I am sad to report that one of the Scheme's key helpers, Mary Rippon, has died. Mary used to do the preliminary sorting, country by country, of the donated packets of coin as they

came in. Some donations can weigh up to 4 kilos.. Over four years, working from her wheelchair, she quickly came to recognise the various currencies by their design and lettering, whether European or otherwise. She would return them duly separated in an endless stream of bank bags. They were then ready for adding to existing accumulations which she herself had in all probability already sorted earlier. During her time, she watched the grand total grow from around £10,000 to over £20,000. I shall miss her greatly both for her help and self-effacing good humour. John Mitchell.

### **Volunteer opportunities supporting our work with children**

We welcome many school groups during term time and have a wonderful team of volunteers who would love a few more people to join them. In particular, next term we need additional volunteers for Wednesdays 12 and 26 February and 11 March. Full briefing and support is given and you will join a team of people who enjoy working with children and their teachers. Commitment is flexible with a choice of regular or one-off sessions. If you feel you might like to explore faith sharing with children then there are vacancies on the Sunday School team. Sunday School takes place three times a month during the Cathedral Eucharist. This is a dedicated team and they would also really welcome new members. For further information please speak to Julie Mitchell, our Volunteer Coordinator, on 01483 547885 or [www.guildford-cathedral.org/About/Vacancies](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org/About/Vacancies). Hope to hear from you soon.

### **Safeguarding**

Are you interested in joining our Safeguarding team? We are looking to appoint an Assistant to Mary Morris, our Cathedral Safeguarding Officer. If you are a regular member of the Sunday services, easily approachable and with a pastoral heart, this may be an opportunity for you. For more information please contact Mary at 07949 685 683 or [safeguarding@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:safeguarding@guildford-cathedral.org) or Matt O'Grady at 01483 547 864 or [dops@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:dops@guildford-cathedral.org)

### **Intercessions at the Cathedral**

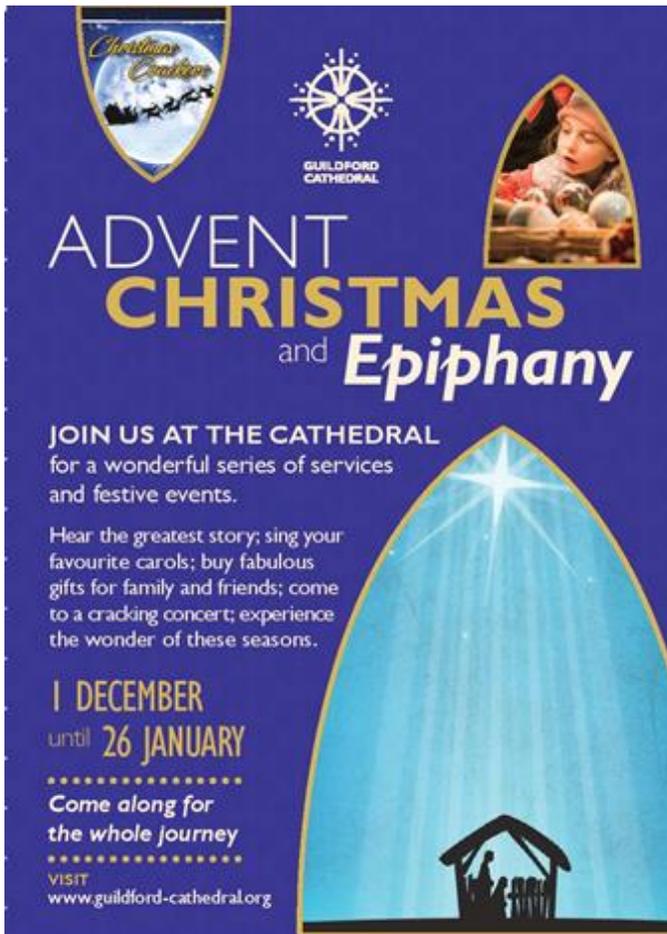
If you would like someone to be added to the intercessions for our daily and Sunday prayers please contact any of the clergy or send them a message via Emma Law. You should obtain permission of the person or their family. People are kept on the daily list for 4 weeks in the first instance. We also keep a longer list of those for whom prayer is ongoing.

### **News Sheet**

Items to be considered for inclusion in the weekly News Sheet should reach Emma in the Cathedral Office by Wednesday morning. All notices subject to editing and available space. Please e-mail to [deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org).

## A different way to make donations to the Cathedral

We have introduced a trial of a QR code to make donating to the Cathedral easier and more straightforward, especially for the growing number of us who don't carry cash. To use the QR code to make a donation use your camera (iPhones) or a QR reader app (Android). This facility requires a PayPal Account. This will provide an additional method (alongside our contactless box and cash donations) to support our mission and ministry. Every gift will make a difference to our work – thank you!



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# ADVENT CHRISTMAS and Epiphany

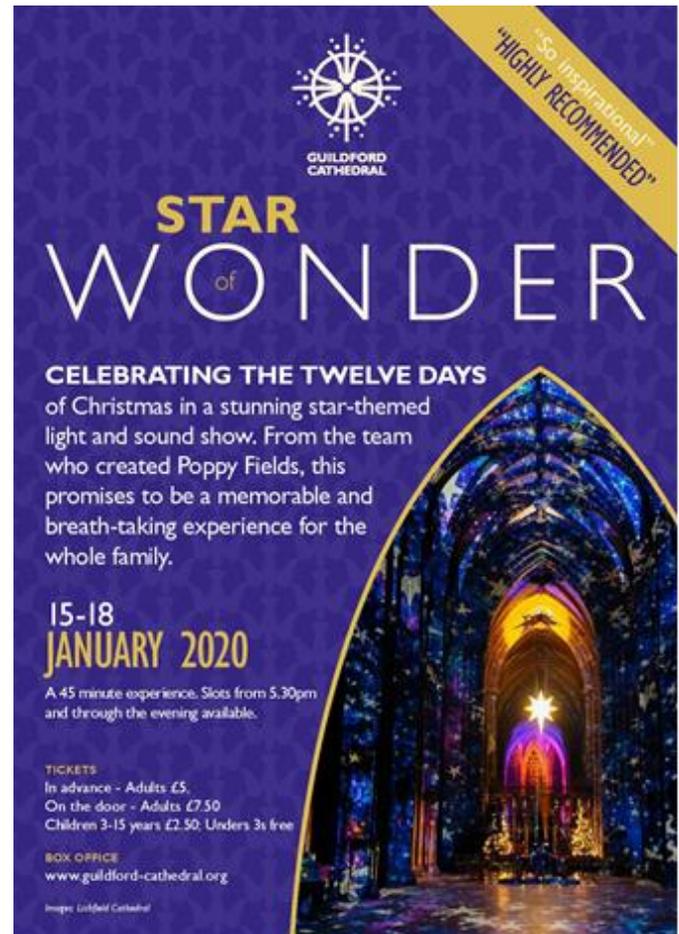
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# STAR of WONDER

**CELEBRATING THE TWELVE DAYS**  
of Christmas in a stunning star-themed  
light and sound show. From the team  
who created Poppy Fields, this  
promises to be a memorable and  
breath-taking experience for the  
whole family.

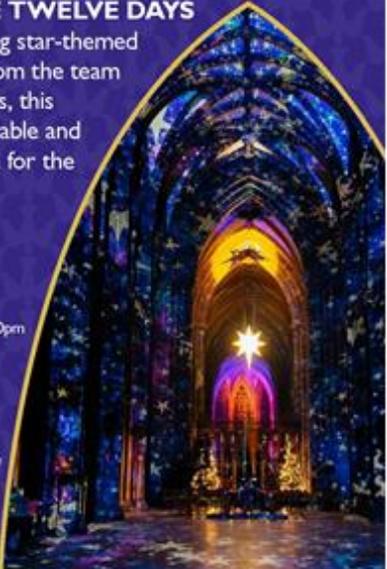
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On the door - Adults £7.50  
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# CONTACTS

## **Cathedral Office**

The Cathedral Office will close at 12pm on Tuesday 24 December and re-open at 9am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

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

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

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The Reverend Canon Mavis Wilson (rest day – Monday)

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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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