



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Welcome

The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 29 December 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL is taking a break and will resume on 5 January. 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.

CHORAL SERVICES today are sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers.

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 Cathedral or by using the QR Code towards the end of this News Sheet.

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 Reverend Neil Vigers

READINGS Isaiah 63.7-9; Matthew 2.13-end

9.45am The Cathedral Eucharist

PRESIDENT Canon Paul Smith

SETTING Communion Service in F *Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)*

HYMN 65(omit* verses)

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 Isaiah 63.7-9 read by Bob Ellison

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

PSALM 147.7-end



O praise the name of the Lord.

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 Hebrews 2.10-end read by Ann Bourne

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2.13-end



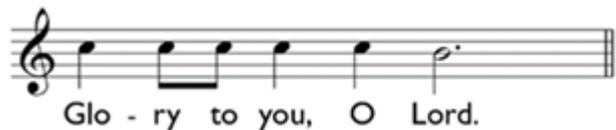
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

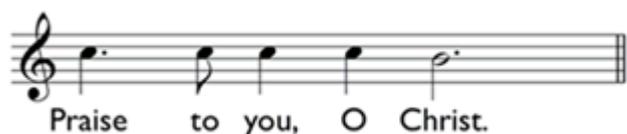


Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



SERMON Canon Mavis Wilson
HYMN 54

MOTET O little one sweet *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain,
To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Help us to do as thou hast willed.
Lo, all we have belongs to thee!
Ah, keep us in our fealty!
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

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.

HYMN 72

ORGAN Postlude on Mendelssohn *David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

11.30am Choral Mattins

HYMNS 41, 73

PSALM 105.1-11

RESPONSES *William Smith (1603-1645)*

TE DEUM in F *John Ireland (1879-1962)*

READINGS Isaiah 35.1-6; Galatians 3.23-end

ANTHEM *Torches John Joubert (1927-2019)*

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby
Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling
While we sing you our Rorro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, He lives, the King of heaven
Now and evermore. Amen.

ORGAN Toccata (Symphonie No.5) *Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

6pm Evensong (aid with Hymns) Lady Chapel

HYMNS 76, 69(ii), 57

PSALM 132

READINGS Isaiah 49.7-13; Philippians 2.1-11

SERMON Canon Paul Smith

ORGAN In dulci iubilo (BWV 729) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

PRAYER MATTERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Betty, Ben Edwards, Emma, 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: Coral Colgate, Margaret MacCulloch, Dudley Ward, Kenneth Williams

Please note that this News Sheet is printed in advance and therefore some names of those being prayed for daily this week may not appear here.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY 30

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

TUESDAY 31 • *John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384*

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

WEDNESDAY 1 January • NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 2 • *Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, 379 and 389;*

Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, spiritual guide, 1833;

Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, 1945

8am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

FRIDAY 3

8am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30am Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

SATURDAY 4

8.40am Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9am Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing (said) Lady Chapel

5pm Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 5 January The Epiphany

8am **Holy Communion** Lady Chapel

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

9.45am **The Cathedral Eucharist**

PRESIDENT Canon Paul Smith

PREACHER Canon Paul Smith

READINGS Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

11.30am **Choral Eucharist** (*Traditional Rite*)

READINGS Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

6pm **Choral Evensong**

PREACHER Canon Mavis Wilson

READINGS Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

NOTICEBOARD

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.

Cathedral Shop

The Cathedral Shop re-opens on 8 January.

Seasons Café

Re-opens after the Christmas break at 9am on 2 January. Opening hours are Monday to Sunday from 9am to 4.30pm. To make a booking contact Carla and the team on seasonscathedral@thetipsypigs.co.uk or telephone 01483 563 841.

Wholeness and Healing - Saturday 4 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. The next Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing is Saturday 4 January. 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.

Daily Services this week

Please note that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Morning Prayer will be said at 8.40am, Holy Communion celebrated at 9.00am and Evening Prayer will be said at 4.00pm. On Thursday and Friday Morning Prayer is at 8am, Holy Communion at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm 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 remain closed until 4am on 31 December and Farnham Road, Guildford will be closed until 5am on 30 December, in order for bridge strengthening works to be completed. Further details are available from <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/>

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.

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. 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 or Matt O'Grady at 01483 547 864 or 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.

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!



ADVENT CHRISTMAS and Epiphany

JOIN US AT THE CATHEDRAL for a wonderful series of services and festive events.

Hear the greatest story; sing your favourite carols; buy fabulous gifts for family and friends; come to a cracking concert; experience the wonder of these seasons.

1 DECEMBER
until **26 JANUARY**

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The poster features a blue background with a large, glowing white starburst in the center. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a stable with figures inside. Logos for 'Christmas Carols' and 'GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL' are visible in the top left and center respectively.

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.

15-18 JANUARY 2020

A 45 minute experience. Slots from 5.30pm and through the evening available.

TICKETS
In advance - Adults £5.
On the door - Adults £7.50
Children 3-15 years £2.50. Unders 3s free

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CONTACTS

Cathedral Office

The Cathedral Office is closed for the Christmas break and will re-open at 9am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

From 2 January the Cathedral Office is open for callers from 10am to 2pm Thursday to Friday. 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)

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The Venerable Stuart Beake

(h) 01483 893 981

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

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

The Reverend Canon Mavis Wilson (rest day – Monday)

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



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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

01483 547 862 or deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

Group Bookings and Tours

01483 547 874 or visit@guildford-cathedral.org

Venue Hire, Events and Box Office

01483 547 881 or headofevents@guildford-cathedral.org

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01483 563 841 or seasonscathedral@thetipsypigs.co.uk

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