



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT NEWS SHEET

24 December 2023



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *during which we receive a Peacelight from Bethlehem*

4pm Journey to Bethlehem: a telling of the Nativity story

11pm First Choral Eucharist of Christmas

SERVICES THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

10am Christmas Day Choral Eucharist

4pm A Service of Lessons and Carols *(a repeat of Sunday 17 December)*

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Tuesday, Saturday

8.30am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

9.30am Tuesday, Saturday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

4pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45 am Cathedral Eucharist

4pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

The Cathedral will be open as follows:

Tuesday 26 December (Bank Holiday)

8.30am to 4.30pm

Wednesday 27 December until Saturday 30 December

7.30am to 4.30pm.

During this period if you need to speak to a member of the Clergy Team, please email Canon Rachel Young (rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org) or phone 07709 082999.

The Cathedral will be closed on Monday 1 January (Bank Holiday)

Christmas Office Closure:

5pm on 22 December 2023 until 9am on 2 January 2024

Christmas Shop Closure:

2pm on 22 December 2023 until 2 January 2024

Christmas Seasons Closure:

2pm on 22 December 2023 until 9am on 2 January 2024

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY EPIPHANY

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Choral Eucharist *sung by The Whyte Effect*

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

6pm Epiphany Service of Lessons and Carols

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL MUSIC PATRONS' SCHEME SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

Many of you have supported our chorister sponsorship scheme over the years, and many also give to the Music Development Foundation, for which we have been very grateful. However, in the New Year we will be launching a new Music Patrons' Scheme for those who would like to support all the music of Guildford Cathedral in its entirety, from sheet music to musicians, and everything in between. You will be the first to

hear about our choir and organists, their concerts and other events throughout the year, and there will be other members' benefits in store, too. If you are interested, please join us at a reception on Sunday 14 January 2024 in the nave, following the Epiphany Carol Service at 6pm, where we can tell you all about it. For more information please contact the Development Team, Nicola Pratt (headofdevelopment@guildford-cathedral.org) or Karen Taylor (fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org).

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We will be running some classes in the New Year for anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Christian faith with the aim of being baptised or confirmed. Confirmation is for those who were baptised as a baby or young child and would like to confirm their commitment to Jesus Christ. A service of baptism and confirmation will take place on Easter Eve, Saturday 30 March, at which the Bishop baptises and confirms. Please contact Canon Rachel Young to register your interest (rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org).

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY CATHEDRAL TOTS

The next Cathedral Tots will be on Wednesday 3 January at 10am. Cathedral Tots is an informal service for toddlers and pre-schoolers which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. Each session of Cathedral Tots includes activities, a faith-themed story or Bible story, a prayer, songs, and craft. There is plenty of opportunity for fellowship as children take part in the craft activities. Cathedral Tots is a free activity, with a welcoming and relaxed community of parents/carers and young children. There is no requirement to book places for these services. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOLS ART 'GOD'S GIFT'

The art work by church schools in the Diocese of Guildford is on display until Candlemas 2 February.

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY CANDLEMAS

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Choral Eucharist and Procession