



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

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15 December 2024

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
CATHEDRAL  
EUCCHARIST



# WELCOME

## ADVENT

A new Church year began on the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. We are encouraged to cultivate a sense of ‘alert watchfulness’ although the anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure makes this quite challenging. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout the four weeks of the Season. We light candles on an Advent wreath in remembrance of faith ancestors who were also watching in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.

## COLLECTION

Your support makes a real difference to the ministry and mission of Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the west doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write ‘contactless donation’ on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. We also welcome the donation of foreign coins and notes; please see the notice at the back of this booklet. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



## **PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE**

We sing the hymns and the response to the Psalm and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

## **DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÈCHE**

There are toys available for under school-aged children in the baptistry during the morning Choral Eucharist. This can be found at the back of the Cathedral in the right hand side corner. Parents/carers are asked to remain with their children at all times and to keep the toys in the baptistry. If you need any help please ask one of the stewards on duty.

## **MUSIC TODAY**

We are grateful to the Guildford Cathedral Singers for singing our choral services today.

## **MASS SETTING**

Communion Service in *F Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

## **PRESIDENT AND PREACHER**

The president this morning is Canon Duncan Myers and the preacher is Canon Mavis Wilson.

Stand

# THE GATHERING

## HYMN



The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.

His righteous government and power  
shall over all extend;  
on judgement and on justice based,  
his reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.

*Words: Isaiah 9.2-7 as in Scottish Paraphrases (1781) tr. John Morrison (1750-1798)*  
*Music: CP 38 (omit v3), Dundee, Melody from the Scottish Psalter (1615)*  
*as set in Ravencroft's Psalter (1621)*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT**

As we light the Advent candles each week we reflect on a different aspect of Advent and our preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Today we recall John the Baptist, who announced the imminent arrival of the Messiah, and called on the nation to prepare to welcome him by repenting of sin and striving after righteousness.

*As the Advent candle is lit, the choir sings*

*Choir* Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth  
as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light,  
and so be led to witness to him  
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,  
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

All   
Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light  
the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ  
let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying*

Let us pray

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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit **FIRST READING** Zephaniah 3.14-20 read by Shelagh Godwin

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

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.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** 146.4-end

*The choir sings the response through once, which the congregation then repeats. All join in the response during the psalm, as indicated.*



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*

*Chant: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)*

## **SECOND READING** Philippians 4.4-7 read by Berrie Norton

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### *Stand* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

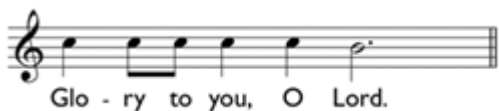
*The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.*



The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL READING** Luke 3.7-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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

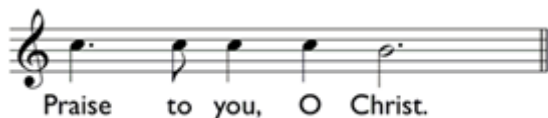
stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

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.



**THE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The president invites everyone to pray, saying*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Sit or  
kneel*

*The bidding and response are*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*In conclusion, the leader says*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

### THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

## HYMN



Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)  
Music: CP 31 Helmsley, melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)  
included in John Wesley's 'Select Hymns with Tunes Annex't' (1765)*

## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord Jesus,  
you nourish us at the table of your word  
and the table of your sacrament;  
as we feed on you, the bread of life,  
may we daily grow into your likeness.

**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The musical notation is arranged in four rows. Each row consists of a treble clef staff with a melody line and a corresponding line of lyrics below it. The first row is for the President: 'The Lord be with you.' The second row is for All: 'And al - so with you.' The third row is for the President: 'Lift up your hearts.' The fourth row is for All: 'We lift them to the Lord.' The fifth row is for the President: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The sixth row is for All: 'It is right to give thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.  
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.  
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Deacon All

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus: Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,  
ris - ing you re-stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Deacon and the second for the All. The lyrics are written below the notes.



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.



*Sit or  
kneel*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.*

## **AGNUS DEI**

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **ANTHEM**

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 known a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honour 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!*'

*Text: Basque carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

*Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque traditional carol,  
arranged by Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)*

Stand

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying*

Let us pray

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.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## **THE SENDING OUT**

### **THE BLESSING**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

*During the hymn the procession moves to the west end of the Cathedral. As the procession passes you, please turn and face west. This movement signals the turn of our attention to Christ in the world as the offering of our lives continues there.*



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Words: Luke 1.46-55, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)*

*Music: CP 362 Woodlands, Walter Greatorax (1877-1949)*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*We remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the south aisle into the south ambulatory, after which there are refreshments at the west end. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or make your way to the back of the Cathedral.*

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Scherzetto Pastoral

*Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## SERVICES TODAY

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**7.30am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**9.45am** Cathedral Eucharist

**6pm** Choral Evensong

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**9am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

**5.30pm** Choral Evensong

### TUESDAY

**8am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**8.30am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

**5.30pm** Choral Evensong

### WEDNESDAY

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**9am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

**5.30pm** Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**12.30pm** Holy Communion

**5.30pm** Evening Prayer

### FRIDAY

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**9am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

**5.30pm** Evening Prayer

## **SATURDAY**

**9am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**9.30am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

**4pm** Evening Prayer

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER**

**7.30am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

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

**9.45am** Cathedral Eucharist

**6pm** Cathedral Carol Service

## **SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS**

### **Tuesday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE**

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**4pm** Journey to Bethlehem – A service for all ages, with the Cathedral Choristers and Stag Hill Phil, exploring the Christmas story and message.

**11pm** First Eucharist of Christmas – Marking the beginning of Christmas, this service includes John Tavener's famous Christmas Proclamation.

### **Wednesday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY**

**8am** Book of Common Prayer Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

**10am** The Choral Eucharist of Christmas Day – Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the World.

**4pm** Service of Lessons and Carols – The second of our traditional carol services. Hear the Christmas story from the very beginning, through readings, carols, messages, and stunning choral music.

## **OUR NEW DEAN**

The Installation and Welcome of the Dean of Guildford (The Venerable Bob Cooper), will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 26 January 2025. Please remember him and Kate in your prayers. Please note the box office for the Dean's Installation is now open. Due to the size of the service, seats are limited. Please note the box office will close on Thursday 19 December @ 12pm. You can book a maximum of **2**



**tickets** and are on a first-come first-served basis. There may be extra tickets available nearer the time. To book your ticket, please use the following link: [www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/820](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/820) If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hatherall at 01483 547862 or email: [installationservice@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:installationservice@guildford-cathedral.org).

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

We are pleased to be able to share the delightful news that Canon Duncan Myers – Chaplain of the University of Surrey – has won a prestigious award: the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Wellbeing.

## **PRAYING FOR INDIVIDUALS**

A gentle reminder that part of the ministry here is to pray for individuals on request. To include a name in the public intercessions, please contact Canon Chris Hollingshurst, preferably by email [chis.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:chis.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org). For prayer requests of a completely confidential nature, please email Canon Mavis Wilson at [maviswilson2@gmail.com](mailto:maviswilson2@gmail.com).

## **ANYONE FOR CONFIRMATION?**

If you have been wondering about exploring Christian faith further, with a view to possibly being Confirmed, then Canon Chris Hollingshurst would be very pleased to hear from you. Chris can be contacted on 07534 970127 or via [chris.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:chris.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org). Please also speak to him if you would simply like to find out more. Separate arrangements are in place for chorister and university student Confirmation groups.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are delighted to announce that Sunday School is returning to the Cathedral! The first session will be on Sunday 22nd December, during the Cathedral Eucharist, and it will be held monthly thereafter until we have been able to build up a big enough team to run it more frequently. Sunday School will be open to children aged 3-11 and will be held in the library. Please support this by:

- Praying – we need it to be rooted in prayer
- Spreading the word – please invite any families you know who may be interested
- Joining in – could you join the team once a month? Have a look at this video to find out how amazing it is working with children:
- Being patient – new initiatives take time to grow
- Being welcoming – look out for new families and help them feel at home here

If you want to find out more, please get in touch with Rachel Johnson, Family Engagement Officer at [FamilyEngagement@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:FamilyEngagement@guildford-cathedral.org).

## **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

Children are warmly invited to take part in this lovely service as angels and shepherds. There will be a rehearsal for this after the service on 15th December and during Sunday School on 22nd December – please come to either or both. It would be helpful to know in advance who to expect. Please email Rachel on [familyengagement@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:familyengagement@guildford-cathedral.org) to find out more.

## **OPEN DOOR RETREAT**

An Open Door Retreat (ODR) is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, and is a wonderful way of giving space for reflection “in daily life.” Reflection on one’s relationship with and response to God, to circumstances, to ourselves and to others. The retreat is made during a two-hour session based over nine weeks. The sessions are experiential in nature and include music, art, poetry, reflection and sharing. The two leaders will share their personal experience of prayer and life. It is hoped that the participants feel able to gradually share as well - BUT only what they feel comfortable with.

There will be a small cost of £30 to cover your resources.

The retreat will be held in the cathedral and will start on January 16th at 10.15 and finish at 12.15 and will be every Thursday morning until 6th March (we will not meet on March 13th) and will finish on March 20th.

Numbers will be limited. If you would like further information, please contact Canon Mavis Wilson - [maviswilson2@gmail.com](mailto:maviswilson2@gmail.com)

## **SAFEGUARDING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral is committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Cathedral has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the community. Chapter has overall responsibility for Safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Leadership Group reports to Chapter every month on the progress of our Safeguarding journey and any issues arising. The members of the Safeguarding Leadership Group are listed below and can be contacted at any time on any Safeguarding concern you may have about yourself or another member of the Cathedral Community.

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Any Safeguarding concern can be reported at any time to the Diocesan single point of contact 01483 790379 or [safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk)