



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
8 December 2024

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
CHORAL
EVENSONG



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.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you. A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

CANTICLES

Evening Service in G Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant and preacher this evening is Canon Duncan Myers.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music.

OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME Canon Duncan Myers

HYMN



The great forerunner of the morn,
the herald of the Word, is born;
and faithful hearts shall never fail
with thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came,
that John should be that herald's name,
and with prophetic utterance told
his actions great and manifold.

His mighty deeds exalt his fame
to greater than a prophet's name.
Of woman-born shall never be
a greater prophet than was he.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735), tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music: CP 235 The Truth From Above, English traditional melody,
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Sit **PSALM 75**

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks :
 yea, unto thee do we give thanks.
Thy Name also is so nigh :
 and that do thy wondrous works declare.
When I receive the congregation :
 I shall judge according unto right.
The earth is weak, and all the inhabitors thereof :
 I bear up the pillars of it.
I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly :
 and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.
Set not up your horn on high :
 and speak not with a stiff neck.
For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west :
 nor yet from the south.
And why? God is the Judge :
 he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red :
 it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.
As for the dregs thereof :
 all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

But I will talk of the God of Jacob :
and praise him for ever.
All the horns of the ungodly also will I break :
and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Stand Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 1.46-55

Sit **NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 1.1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was

terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 2. 29-32

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Sit or kneel Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
thy bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers
of this night; for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit **ANTHEM**

Nova! Nova!

Gabriel of high degree,
He came down from the Trinity
From Nazareth to Galilee,

He met a maiden in a place;
He kneeled down before her face;
He said: "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"

When the maiden saw all this,
She was sore abashed, ywis,
Lest that she had done amiss.

Then said the angel: "Dread not you,
You shall conceive in all virtue
A child whose name shall be Jesu."

Then said the maid: "Verily,
I am your servant truly,
Ecce ancilla Domini."
Nova! Nova!

Words: Traditional 15th century

Music: Iain Farrington (b.1977)

HOMILY Canon Duncan Myers

Sit or kneel **THE PRAYERS** led by Canon Duncan Myers

The prayers conclude with

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Stand **HYMN**



Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
 arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
‘The hour has come!’, we hear them saying,
 ‘where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
 The Bridegroom comes in sight,
 raise high your torches bright!’
 Alleluia!

The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
 she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
 Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
 Now come, thou precious Crown,
 Lord Jesus, God’s own Son!
 Alleluia!

Let us prepare to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
from earth and from angelic voices
 be glory given to thee alone!

Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.

Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.

Alleluia!

Grant us to raise, to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

*Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), translated by Francis Crawford Burkitt (1864-1935),
based on Matthew 25.1-13 and Revelation 19.6-9*

*Music: CP 39 Wachet Auf, melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608),
adapted and harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

First Sketch on 'Helmsley' Philip Moore (b.1943)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

SECOND 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 15 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 Choral Evensong

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

7.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

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 and will close on Friday 13 December at 12pm. Due to the size of the service, seats are limited.

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 If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hatherall at 01483 547862 or email: installationservice@guildford-cathedral.org.

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. For prayer requests of a completely confidential nature, please email Canon Mavis Wilson at 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. 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.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Children are warmly invited to take part in this lovely service as Mary, Joseph, 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 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

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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