



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
15 December 2024

THIRD 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.

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. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



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.

MUSIC TODAY

This evening's service is sung by the Guildford Cathedral Singers.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

William Smith (1603-1645)

CANTICLES

In F John Bawden (b.1943)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant and preacher this evening is Canon Chris Hollingshurst.

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.

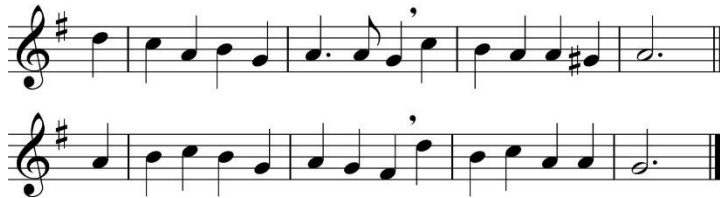
○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

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 Chris Hollingshurst

HYMN



Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

Words: Luke 4.18-19, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: CP 27 Bristol, from Psalms (1621) Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1590-1633)

Sit **PSALM 50.1-6**

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun
unto the going down thereof.

Out of Sion hath God appeared :
in perfect beauty.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above :
and the earth, that he may judge his people.

Gather my saints together unto me :
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
for God is Judge himself.

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: Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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 1.57-66

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

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 catholick 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 Lord, have mercy upon us.
kneel 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

○ Lord Jesus Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger
to prepare thy way before thee:
grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight;
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE ADVENT COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
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

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high,
eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel,
as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,
thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within.
Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

HOMILY Canon Chris Hollingshurst

Sit or
kneel

THE PRAYERS led by Canon Chris Hollingshurst

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**



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

*Music: CP32 Veni Emmanuel, Melody 'adapted from a French Missal'
by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)*

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

Folk Tune (Five Short Pieces)
Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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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 If you have any questions please contact Lisa Hatherall at 01483 547862 or email: 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. 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 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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Any Safeguarding concern can be reported at any time to the Diocesan single point of contact 01483 790379 or safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk