



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

6pm  
23 February 2025

SECOND SUNDAY  
BEFORE LENT  
CHORAL  
EVENSONG



# WELCOME

## AN IN-BETWEEN TIME

We have marked the conclusion of Christmas and Epiphany with the celebration of Candlemas on 2 February. At that service we turned our attention away from the cradle of the baby Jesus towards the cross, upon which Jesus gave his life for us. Ash Wednesday is 14 February this year and we will have two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, at 9.00am (preceded by Morning Prayer at 8.30am) and 7pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (preceded by Evening Prayer at 5.30pm).

## 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 say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

**PRECES AND RESPONSES** Cecilia McDowall (*b.1951*)

**CANTICLES** Evening Service in *F Charles Wood*

**OFFICIANT AND PREACHER** The officiant and preacher this evening is The Very Reverend Canon Robert Cooper

*Please stand as the procession enters to organ music.*

*Stand*    **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** The Very Reverend Canon Robert Cooper

## HYMN



All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
    O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
    O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

*Words: William Henry Draper (1855-1933) after Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

*Music: CP 250 (v.1-4, 7) Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from an Easter hymn in 'Geistliche Kirchengesang' Cologne (1623) arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Sit*     **PSALM 147.13-20**

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates :  
    and hath blessed thy children within thee.  
He maketh peace in thy borders :  
    and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.  
He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth :  
    and his word runneth very swiftly.  
He giveth snow like wool :  
    and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.  
He casteth forth his ice like morsels :  
    who is able to abide his frost?  
He sendeth out his word, and melteth them :  
    he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.  
He sheweth his word unto Jacob :  
    his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.  
He hath not dealt so with any nation :  
    neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

*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: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Sit*      **OLD TESTAMENT** Genesis 1.1-27

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light

upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

*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** Matthew 6.25-34

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you



- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

*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  
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**

Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and hast made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, 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 PROTECTION

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**

Steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.  
The trumpet sounds within'a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Green trees a'bendin', poor sinner stands a'tremblin'.  
The trumpet sounds within'a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away to Jesus.

*Text: traditional spiritual*

*Music: Michael Tippett (1905-1998)*

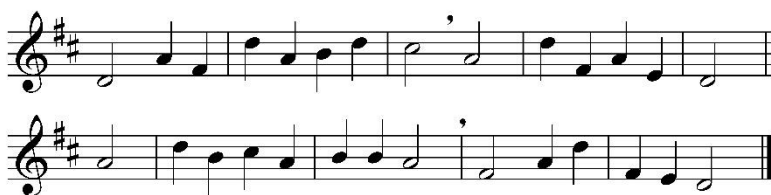
## **HOMILY** The Very Reverend Canon Robert Cooper

### **THE PRAYERS**

*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**

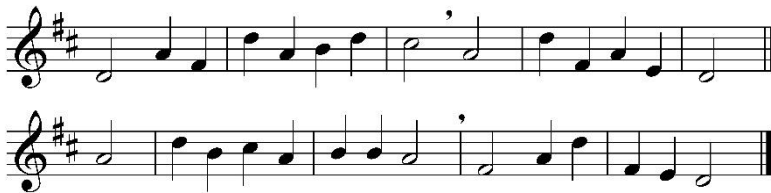


God moves in a mysterious way  
his wonders to perform;  
he plants his footsteps in the sea,  
and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
of never-failing skill,  
he treasures up his bright designs,  
and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy, and shall break  
in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
but trust him for his grace;  
behind a frowning providence  
he hides a smiling face.



His purposes will ripen fast,  
unfolding every hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste,  
but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
and scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
and he will make it plain.

*Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)*

*Music: CP 445 London New, Melody from Scottish Psalter 1635*

*adapted in John Playford's Psalms 1671*

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom:  
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**

*Steal Away Marianne Kim (b.1972)*

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# 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

**6pm** Choral Evensong

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer** *in the Lady Chapel*

**8am** Tuesday

**8.30am** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**9am** Saturday

**Holy Communion** *in the Lady Chapel*

**8.30am** Tuesday

**9.00am** Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**9.30am** Saturday

**12.30pm** Thursday

**Evening Prayer**

**5.30pm** Wednesday

**4pm** Saturday

**Choral Evensong**

**5.30pm** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 2 MARCH

**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

## **JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT**

Lent has always been a time for deepening discipleship and walking with Jesus on the path to Calvary and through the Cross to the glories of Easter Day. As part of our journey through Lent, we will be sharing the opportunity to walk with Jesus on the Via Dolorosa by praying the Stations of The Cross. On Sundays 16th March, 23rd March, 30th March and 6th April after Evensong we will be having a service of The Stations of the Cross where we journey with Jesus to The Cross. This simple service which has been a part of the Church's liturgy for over 900 years, is loaded with meaning and is a beautiful way to focus our devotions during Lent. We encourage people to come to our beautiful service of Evensong before the Stations of the Cross, however, if you wish to come just to the Stations then please feel free to do that; we will begin at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Dean Bob

## **LENT BOOKS**

In recent years Canon Chris has suggested particular Lent Books for personal reading and reflection. This year he offers two:

- ***Searched Me Out and Known Me: Journeying Lent with the Psalms, by Charlie Bell.*** This is first and foremost a pastoral Lent book, based on an exploration of the Psalms, and offers reflections for Ash Wednesday, for each Sunday in Lent, and then each day in Holy Week. Each chapter is built around a psalm, the day's Gospel according to the Church of England's calendar of readings, and concludes with the Church of England's daily Collect.
- ***Healing Wounds, by Erik Varden.*** The writer is a Norwegian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer and monk. Structured to guide readers through a journey of reflection, beginning with the raw reality of suffering and moving toward the possibility of redemption and renewal, the book invites readers to sit with their own experiences of pain, consider how these might be transformed through faith and introspection, and by reflection on Christ's passion and its implications for believers.



Why not give one of them a try – and perhaps share your experiences with Chris or his clergy colleagues after Sunday services as we walk through the Season together? And if neither of these appeals to you, try to find something else to read or to do in order to deepen your faith during Lent.

## **GIRL CHORISTERS' CONCERT – A NIGHT OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC - SATURDAY 1 MARCH**

**The Anniversary Hall, St. Catherine's School, Bramley- 7.30pm**

Join us for a stunning performance by our talented girl choristers as they showcase the culmination of a weekend of dedicated workshops. Set in the beautiful Anniversary Hall at St. Catherine's School, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening of uplifting and inspiring music. While entrance is free, we warmly invite donations to help cover the costs of the music and support the choristers in their musical journey. Please book here: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/822>

## **MONTH-LONG SERIES OF ORGAN VOLUNTARIES RETURNS TO THE CATHEDRAL**

Throughout February and March, our organists will perform pieces by female composers (International Women's Day is on 8 March). Expect works by Christa Rakich, Cecilia McDowall, Ethel Smyth, Theophania Cecil, Elizabeth Stirling, Elsa Barraine, Fanny Mendelssohn, and more. Don't miss Women Composer Sunday on 9 March, featuring music by female composers during Cathedral services.

## **QUIZ FOR A CAUSE: SPRING EDITION – FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025**

It's back! Our popular pub-style quiz is back in a spring edition. Quizmasters Chris and Kathy are ready with the questions. Put together your best minds and compete against other teams. Tickets include dinner, with a bar, raffle and desserts available for purchase on the night.

For more information including the menu, visit [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org) or contact Karen on 01483 547863. Please note, the box office will close a week before the event for catering purposes.

## **FOGC VISIT TO SALISBURY CATHEDRAL**

### **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025**

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral have organised a day trip to Salisbury Cathedral and Flower Festival on Friday 16 May 2025. The cost per person includes coach journey, admission to Salisbury Cathedral, The Spirit of Water Flower Festival and driver gratuity. Friends: £36.00. Non-Friends: £38.00. If you would like more information or a booking form, please contact me directly by phone or email. Yvette Wright, Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral. Tel: 07851 371590 or [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org)”

## **NET ZERO CARBON CONFERENCE**

The Cathedral was represented at a Net Zero Carbon Conference in Portsmouth Cathedral on 18 January by Matt O’Grady and Jonathan Neil-Smith – see report at link [Diocese of Portsmouth - News - First net zero carbon conference for diocese](#). This contained a mix of inspiring talks and practical suggestions, including a helpful tour showing a number of modest schemes which had helped reduce the cathedral’s heating costs and carbon footprint. The intention is that our own cathedral’s existing Eco Group will be integrated with a Net Zero Carbon Board (integrated with the Cathedral’s governance) as we seek to take further positive steps towards meeting the General Synod’s agreed target of achieving Net Zero by 2030. Anyone interested on serving on this Board, or can suggest potential members, is encouraged to contact Jonathan Neil-Smith at [acoo@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:acoo@guildford-cathedral.org)

## **COULD YOU BE A TRUSTEE?**

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral are a charity raising money to support the cathedral and the propagation of the gospel.

The trustees meet regularly to arrange social events and to approve grants which range from repairing vestments to providing the ramp outside the west door and the screens for the Christmas services.

We are looking for more trustees. Can you help? No detailed accounting or legal knowledge is required just commitment and enthusiasm. If you would like to know more please contact Joy Allen on joy.allen@btinternet.com 07768 476323

## **DO YOU LIKE A CHALLENGE?**

Do you want the opportunity to abseil down the Cathedral Tower?

Are you free on Saturday 14 June? We are looking for brave volunteers to make the Daring Descent to raise funds for the Cathedral. If you are interested in finding out more, talk to Karen Taylor 01483 547863 or [fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org)

## **COULD YOU BE A STEWARD?**

If you enjoy Cathedral services and find pleasure in providing a happy and welcoming environment as part of a team, you might be a perfect Cathedral Steward. Stewards are the folks who stand at the entrance of the Cathedral, greeting visitors and friends, and providing a warm welcome to all. We help the clergy carry out their roles in various ways too, from inviting the congregation to come forward for communion to lighting candles or supporting clergy and choir processions. We help at funerals and special services and festivals, especially those that take place at the busiest periods in the Christian calendar. Most of all, we are there to provide welcome and to ensure that everyone feels at home here at Guildford Cathedral.

We ask Stewards to try to commit to 2 services per month, either at Eucharist, Evensong or the special services that dot the Cathedral calendar. Each Steward receives full training from our experienced and committed colleagues. If you are attending our services anyway, why not

come just a little earlier and be part of the Stewarding team? We would love your support!

If you want to know more, stop one of the Stewards who will be glad to help. We'd love to tell you all about it! Alternatively, be in touch with me by email at [ann.bourne78@gmail.com](mailto:ann.bourne78@gmail.com) or at 07889 275934.

Ann Bourne, Chief Steward

## **FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS**

The next collection will be on Sunday 2 March. Please bring packeted and tinned foods, in particular: toilet rolls, cereal, long-life desserts (sponge puddings, jelly and fruit, tinned milk puddings), peanut butter and chocolate spread. There will also be a collection plate for cash donations, as we are able to give towards fresh food vouchers given to the clients. Thank you for your donations.

## **FOREIGN COINS AND BANKNOTES!**

Your old and left over currency, both coins and notes, are of value to the Cathedral's Coins Scheme for converting to sterling for fundraising. We really need money left over from holiday or business trips; boxes of old coins and notes; odd packets, UK or foreign, found in the loft or bureau drawers. Age and date doesn't matter – everything is welcome. Please leave with the Sacristy or Office. We have raised £30,435 to date, but we need more! Thank you: John Mitchell

## **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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In addition to Cathedral contacts, a new online link is now available for anyone wishing to report a safeguarding concern to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The link is available on the 'Report a concern' page of the diocesan website and allows you to complete all the necessary details that will enable the DST to make an assessment, take any necessary action or give advice as quickly as possible. The teams remain available for calls and queries via our team number 01483 790739 and our email address – [safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk)

