



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

6pm  
5 January 2025

EVE OF THE  
EPIPHANY  
CHORAL  
EVENSONG



# WELCOME

## THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January and begins – as with all feasts and festivals in the church’s calendar - at Evensong on the evening before.

In the Western churches, the Epiphany (‘manifestation’) became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ’s birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew’s account speaks simply of ‘wise men from the east’; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas).

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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.

## **MUSIC TODAY**

We are grateful to the Stag Consort for singing our choral services today, directed by Peter Hicks. The organist is Ed Gaunt.

## **PRECES AND RESPONSES**

*Bernard Rose (1916-1996)*

## **CANTICLES**

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in F Minor

*Alan Gray (1855-1935)*

## **MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin (BWV 616)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

## **OFFICIANT AND PREACHER**

The officiant and preacher this evening is Canon Mavis Wilson.

*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 Mavis Wilson

### **HYMN**



Where is this stupendous stranger?  
prophets, shepherds, kings, advise:  
Lead me to my Master's manger,  
show me where my Saviour lies.

○ most mighty, ○ most holy,  
far beyond the seraph's thought!  
Art thou then so mean and lowly  
as unheeded prophets taught?

○ the magnitude of meekness,  
    worth from worth immortal sprung!  
○ the strength of infant weakness,  
    if eternal is so young!

God all-bounteous, all-creative,  
    whom no ills from good dissuade,  
is incarnate, and a native  
    of the very world he made.

*Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771)*

*Music: CP 75(i) Halton Holgate, version of a melody by William Boyce (1711-1779)  
in Samuel Sebastian Wesley's European Psalmist 1872*

*Sit*     **PSALM 97**

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :  
    yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him :  
    righteousness and judgement are  
    the habitation of his seat.  
There shall go a fire before him :  
    and burn up his enemies on every side.  
His lightnings gave shine unto the world :  
    the earth saw it, and was afraid.  
The hills melted like wax  
    at the presence of the Lord :  
    at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
The heavens have declared his righteousness :  
    and all the people have seen his glory.  
Confounded be all they that worship carved images,  
    and that delight in vain gods :  
    worship him, all ye gods.  
Sion heard of it, and rejoiced :  
    and the daughters of Judah were glad,  
    because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher  
    than all that are in the earth:  
    thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord,  
    see that ye hate the thing which is evil :  
    the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;  
    he shall deliver them from  
    the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous :  
    and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :  
    and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

*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: George Cooper (1820-1876)*

*Sit*      **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 49.1-13

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
    pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
    while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
    in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
    in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
    Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
    I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
    and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
    and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
    to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
    and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
    that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Thus says the Lord,  
    the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
    the slave of rulers,  
‘Kings shall see and stand up,  
    princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
    the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

Thus says the Lord:  
In a time of favour I have answered you,  
    on a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I have kept you and given you  
    as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land,  
    to apportion the desolate heritages;  
saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out’,  
    to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’  
They shall feed along the ways,  
    on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;

they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.  
And I will turn all my mountains into a road,  
and my highways shall be raised up.  
Lo, these shall come from far away,  
and lo, these from the north and from the west,  
and these from the land of Syene.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the Lord has comforted his people,  
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

*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** John 4.7-26

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son, Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the

hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

*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.

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

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

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

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know thee now by faith,  
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead;  
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 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**

*Solo*

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
to Jordan follow the pointing star:  
and this the quest of the travellers three,  
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
and there in worship they bend the knee,  
as Mary's child in her lap they see;  
their royal gifts they show to the King;  
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
offer thy heart to the infant King.

*Chorale*

How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
our Jesse tree now bloweth.

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
my soul with love o'erfloweth.  
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,  
rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

*Text: Die Könige by Peter Cornelius (1824-1874), translated by Herbert Newell Bate (1871-1941)*

*Music: Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)*

## **HOMILY** Canon Mavis Wilson

*Sit or kneel* **THE PRAYERS** led by Canon Mavis Wilson

*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**



A great and mighty wonder,  
a full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
with virgin-honour pure:

*Repeat the hymn again:  
'To God on high be glory,  
and peace on earth to men.'*

The Word becomes incarnate,  
and yet remains on high;  
and cherubim sing anthems  
to shepherds from the sky:  
*Repeat the hymn again...*

While thus they sing your Monarch,  
those bright angelic bands,  
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
ye oceans, clap your hands:  
*Repeat the hymn again...*

Since all he comes to ransom,  
by all be he adored,  
the Infant born in Beth'lem,  
the Saviour and the Lord:  
*Repeat the hymn again:*  
*'To God on high be glory,*  
*and peace on earth to men.'*

*Words: St Germanus (c.639 - c.734), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

*Music: CP 41 Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen, German carol melody  
harmonised by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
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**

VII: Final from Sept Pièces  
*Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 12 JANUARY**

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

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

**9.45am** Cathedral Eucharist

**6.00pm** Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols

## **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. To book your ticket, 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](mailto:chis.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral). 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.



## **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)

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