



GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

AND DEDICATION

FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

**Sunday 2 January 2000
at 3.00pm**



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Surrey County Youth Orchestra Brass Ensemble

Directed by
Paul Harris

Trumpets

Michael Chapple
Lianne East
Eleanor Tuson
Paul Howick

Horns

Catherine Tuson
Sam Hayes

Trombones

Mark Cardy
Rhys Smith
Tim Nichols
Matthew McCully

Tuba

Georgie Torbet

Music provided by:

Surrey Youth Music and Performing Arts

Head of Service
Keith Willis

The Guildford Philharmonic Choir

Directed by
Jeremy Backhouse

Guildford Cathedral

Stephen Farr
Organist and Master of
the Choristers

BEFORE THE SERVICE

Members of the congregation are respectfully asked to be seated by 2.40pm and to remain in their places until directed to move by one of the Stewards.

By 2.45pm the Civic Dignitaries of the County, having assembled in the Narthex, proceed to their places in the Nave.

At 2.48pm the Chief Executive of Surrey County Council, Mr Paul Coen, and Mrs Coen, arrive at the Cathedral and are greeted in the Narthex by the Dean.

At 2.50pm the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, Councillor Dr Robert Blundell and Mrs Blundell, arrive at the Cathedral and are met at the West Door by the Dean.

At 2.53pm the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Mrs Heather D Hawker DL, is greeted in the Narthex by the Dean.

At 2.55pm the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mrs Sarah Goad and Mr Goad, are met at the West Doors of the Cathedral by the Dean.

THE PROCESSION

Virger

Visiting Clergy

Residentiary Canons

Virger

The Chief Executive of Guildford Borough Council
and Mrs Watts

The Mayor of Guildford and Mrs Blundell

The Chief Executive of Surrey County Council and Mrs Coen

The Chairman of Surrey County Council

The High Sheriff of Surrey and Mrs Nutting

The Dean's Virger

The Dean

The Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey and Mr Goad

The Bishop of Guildford

The Bishop's Chaplain

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN

during which the Procession will move down the Nave.

- Choir alone: 1. Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.
- All: 2. **At his word they were created;
he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining
of the light of moon and sun,
evermore and evermore.**
3. **O that birth for ever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**

4. This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord;
whom the writings of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.

5. Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises;
angels and Archangels, sing!
wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
ev'ry tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore.

6. Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

Text: Prudentius (348-c413)

Music: *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

Descant: D.V. Willcocks (1919-)

Remain standing for

THE BIDDING

The Very Revd Alexander Wedderspoon, Dean of Guildford

We are gathered here today in this holy place to give thanks to Almighty God for all his goodness and loving-kindness to us in past years, and to dedicate our lives anew to his service and the service of our fellow men and women in the years that are to come.

As we stand on the threshold of a new millennium let us acknowledge the richness of the inheritance into which we have entered, giving thanks to God for his gifts, and remembering with gratitude those through whose vision, compassion and determination the conditions of human living have been materially and spiritually enhanced.

Let us remember, too, all those in our own day whose lives are clouded by conflict, ignorance or poverty, all who suffer through famine or disease, and those who are the victims of the selfishness, cruelty or greed of others.

With the example of Christ before us, whose coming into the world two thousand years ago revealed the depth of God's love for his Creation, let us resolve for the future to work together so that the kingdoms of this world reflect the justice, peace and righteousness of that heavenly kingdom for which our Lord taught us to pray, saying,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT

The Dean

Lord Jesus Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
all ages belong to you.
Hallow our lives, we pray,
that through the lessons of the past,
the opportunities of the present,
and our hopes for the future,
we may come to know your will
and share your glory.

All: Amen.

Please sit.

TREASURING THE PAST

ANTHEM

sung by the Guildford Philharmonic Choir

O nata lux de lumine – Thomas Tallis (c1505-85)

O nata lux de lumine,	<i>O light of light, by love inclined,</i>
Jesu redemptor saeculi,	<i>Jesu, Redeemer of mankind,</i>
Dignare clemens supplicum,	<i>With loving kindness deign to hear,</i>
Laudes preces que sumere.	<i>From suppliant voices praise and prayer</i>

Qui carne quondam contegi	<i>Thou, who to raise our souls from hell,</i>
Dignatus es pro perditis,	<i>Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell,</i>
Nos membra confer effici	<i>Vouchsafe us when our race is run</i>
Tui beati corporis.	<i>In thy fair Body to be one.</i>

English versification by Laurence Housman

*During the anthem the first Group of Readers moves to the
Candlestand.*

When the anthem is ended the First Candle is lit.

INTRODUCTION

read by Miss Rebecca Moss, Young Leader from Surrey West Guides

Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem and the Christian Era began. During the succeeding centuries, countless men and women have striven to live as his disciples, and their witness has borne fruit in learning and spirituality, art and science, social action and medical care.

Let us then hear the words of Zechariah, from St Luke's Gospel, in which he blesses God for the fulfilment of the prophecy of the Messiah and foretells how his own son, John the Baptist, will prepare the way for Jesus.

FIRST READING

*read by Mrs Heather D Hawker DL
Chairman of Surrey County Council*

LUKE 1, Verses 68-79 (AV)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
and hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;
as he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been
since the world began; that we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us; to perform the mercy
promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant; to
perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham: that he
would give us, that we being delivered out of the hands of our
enemies: might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him: all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou
shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give
knowledge of salvation unto his people:
for the remission of their sins; through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; to give light to
them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide
our feet into the way of peace.

PRAYERS OF FAMOUS CHRISTIANS

Precentor: As we celebrate two thousand years of Christian witness, let us pray together, using the words of famous men and women of past centuries.

Kneel

A prayer of St Richard of Chichester (c1197-1253)

read by Mrs Cecilia Gerrard, OBE DL, past Chairman of Surrey County Council

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast won for us,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly:
now and for evermore. **Amen.**

A prayer of Sir Francis Drake (c1540-96)

read by Mrs Val Hewitt, Assistant County Commissioner Surrey West Guides

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A prayer of Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

read by Mrs Irma Yarnell, Superintendent of the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows

O Lord, whose way is perfect: Help us, we pray thee, always to trust in thy goodness; that walking with thee and following thee in all simplicity, we may possess quiet and contented minds, and may cast all our care on thee, who carest for us. Grant this, O Lord, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A prayer of Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944)

read by Mrs Alma Hopwood, a resident of the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in thine eternal changelessness. May we meet this new year bravely, sure in the faith that, while men come and go, and life changes around us, thou art ever the same, guiding us with thy wisdom, and protecting us with thy love; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Precentor: Let us together give thanks to God for his mercies in times past and pray that he will walk with us into the future.

All: Almighty and eternal God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day: Give us grace, as we remember the way by which thou hast led us, to offer unto thee the worship of faithful hearts, and to rest our hopes for the time to come on thine unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Please stand

- All:**
1. Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

 2. Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

 3. Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, hope restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

4. **Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

Text: E.H. Plumptre (1821-91)

Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

During the singing of the hymn the second Group of Readers moves to the Candlestand. When it is ended the Second Candle is lit.

LIVING IN THE PRESENT

Please sit

INTRODUCTION

read by Mr Robert Graham, a Scout from the 3rd Stoneleigh Scout Group

The world in which we live is a world in which many enjoy peace, prosperity and the companionship of family and friends. For others, however, it is a world of darkness, in which war and violence, homelessness and hunger, poverty and disease are part of the fabric of daily life.

Let us reflect on the challenge that this presents to the human race as we embark on the third Christian Millennium, and let us hear the words of Jesus as he describes the radically different standards of the kingdom of God.

SECOND READING

read by Mr Peter Nutting JP, The High Sheriff of Surrey

MATTHEW 5: Verses 1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

ACT OF PENITENCE

led by the Sub-Dean, Canon Dr Maureen Palmer

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

Please kneel

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bishop: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

INTERCESSION

led by Mr Sandy Brigstocke DL, past Chairman Surrey County Council

God our Father,
we pray for peace throughout the world,
for reconciliation and the healing of divisions ...
that those who now suffer as a consequence of war, violence and
terrorism, may have reason to look to the future with hope.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

led by Mr Neil Jones, Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet

Loving Father,
we pray for all whose lives are constrained by ignorance, poverty
or lack of opportunity,
in our own land and in other parts of the world;
may we work together to relieve their needs,
and to bring hope to those whose lives are overshadowed with despair.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

led by Dr David Robinson, County Archivist, Surrey County Council

Heavenly Father,
we pray for all who are denied the freedoms we so readily take
for granted,
and for all who are persecuted for their faith or their call for justice.
Teach us all to seek your righteousness,
and to love truth more than lies,
that we may make no peace with oppression and may work to bring
release to those wrongfully imprisoned.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

**O Lord our God,
forgive our failures,
grant us mercy,
and enable us in the present
to lay firm foundations for the future,
that your kingdom may come,
your will be done. Amen.**

HYMN

Please stand

- All:**
1. **Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

 2. **In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

 3. **O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

 4. **Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

Continued...

5. **Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Text: J.G. Whittier (1807-92)

Music: Sir C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

During the singing of the hymn the third Group of Readers moves to the Candlestand. When it is ended the Third Candle is lit.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE

Please sit

BRASS INTERLUDE

played by the Surrey County Youth Orchestra Brass Ensemble

‘Kraken’, from *Cat Suite*, by Chris Hazell

INTRODUCTION

read by Mr Ian Barnett, Assistant County Commissioner for Venture Scouts

The beginning of the new Millennium is a chance for us all to make a new start in our lives. As we think about our own hopes for the future, let us hear the words of Bishop Desmond Tutu, writing about his experiences as Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission charged to investigate the evil consequences of decades of apartheid in South Africa and to chart a path to reconciliation and healing. In his words we can discern the seeds of a brave and better way to resolve the conflicts which still arise within and between nations. For although he tells of the terrible suffering caused by apartheid he then goes on to talk of the other side of the picture revealed to the Commission.

THIRD READING

read by Mrs Sarah Goad JP, The Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey

Extract from *No Future without Forgiveness*, by Desmond Tutu

There is another side, a more noble and inspiring one. We have been deeply touched and moved by the resilience of the human spirit. People, who by rights should have had the stuffing knocked out of them, refusing to buckle under intense suffering and brutality and intimidation; people refusing to give up on the hope of freedom, knowing they were made for something better than the dehumanising awfulness of injustice and oppression; refusing to be intimidated to lower their sights. It is incredible the capacity people have shown to be magnanimous – refusing to be consumed by bitterness and hatred, willing to meet in a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation, eager only to know the truth, to know the perpetrator so that they could forgive them.

We have been moved to tears. We have laughed. We have been silent and we have stared the beast of our dark past in the eye. We have survived the ordeal and we are realising that we can indeed transcend the conflicts of the past, we can hold hands as we realise our common humanity ... The generosity of spirit will be full to overflowing when it meets a like generosity. Forgiveness will follow confession and healing will happen, and so contribute to national unity and reconciliation.

Please kneel

LITANY OF HOPE

led by Mr Douglas Robertson, CBE DL, past Chairman Surrey County Council

Eternal God, our history and our hopes are held in
your strong hands. As we look into time unknown, we
pray for the people and the tasks that will weave the
pattern of our future days.

To people we have yet to love,
and answers we have yet to find:
loving God

All: guide and lead us.

*led by Mrs Georgina Ede Surrey East Guides County Programme and Training
Administrator*

Through challenges we have yet to face
and to courage of which we have yet to know our need:
loving God

All: guide and lead us.

Through suffering we have yet to feel
and pain we have yet to know:
loving God

All: guide and lead us.

led by Miss Della Owen, a Guide from 4th Redhill Guide Group

In the renewing of our nation,
in the renewing of our lives:
loving God

All: guide and lead us.

led by Mrs Pat Grayburn, Arts Administrator at the University of Surrey

Towards hopes we have yet to formulate
and horizons we have yet to see:
loving God
All: guide and lead us.

In the confidence of faith
and the assurance that we are not alone:
loving God,
All: guide and lead us.

**God of love,
you call us to follow paths as yet unknown.
Teach us not to be afraid,
and grant us your grace
that we may walk together into the future,
guided by your light
and supported by your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please sit

ANTHEM

I said to the man – Humphrey Clucas

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

Words: Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

Quoted by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast, 1939

THE ADDRESS

The Right Reverend John Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford

HYMN

During the singing of the hymn, the children come forward into the Crossing and are given small candles which are lit from the larger candles. They assemble on the steps.

Stand

- All: 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong
tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of
my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. **High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Text: Irish, 8th century tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Music: Irish traditional melody

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Millennium Resolution is read by Mr Oliver Mackie

Let there be
respect for the earth
peace for its people
love in our lives
delight in the good
forgiveness for past wrongs
and from now on a new start.

Bishop: Before God and in the name of Jesus Christ will you
join me in this act of commitment as we say together:

**All: We pledge
to respect the fragile earth
and to defend all who cannot defend themselves;
to promote peace
and to heal the wounds of conflict;
to put the needs of others before our own wants
and to honour all that is good;
to work for a safer future for our children
and to reverence the gift of life.**

**This we pledge in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Bishop: May God the Father set us free from fear,
surround us with love and strengthen us in faith.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May God the Son, guide us in the way,
lead us in truth and bring us to life eternal.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May God the Holy Spirit give us grace to meet
whatever comes with fortitude, patience and joy.

All: Amen.

Bishop: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain
with you always.

All: Amen.

*HYMN during which the Procession, led by the children, leaves the
Cathedral.*

**All: 1. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!**

2. **Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!**

3. **Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!**

Text and Music: Traditional

Members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until the Procession has left.

Acknowledgements

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MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Surrey County Youth Orchestra Brass Ensemble

Directed by
Paul Harris.