

Majestically ♩=63

The musical score is for the first verse of the national anthem. It is written in 3/4 time with a tempo of 63 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The voice part starts with a forte (f) dynamic and the piano part with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The lyrics are: "God save our gra - cious Queen, Long live our no - ble Queen." Above the voice staff, guitar chords are indicated: F, Dm, Bb, C, G7/D, C/E, F, Dm, Gm/Bb, F/C, Db+, and Dm.

1 June 2022

Dear Friends,

Each nation's anthem should express pleasure in the nation's people, land, history and traditions. Any national anthem should be a song that unites and inspires. A good anthem will help people to rejoice without having to proclaim that their country is better than others. So, I am always pleased to be able to sing the South African national anthem - at least, the verses that I can remember. It finishes "Let us live and strive for freedom, in South Africa our land". Those sentiments are not exclusive to South Africans. I long and pray for freedom, justice and hope in that country. In a similar way, the national anthem of the United Kingdom is not a song for monarchists alone. You can be a full-blown republican and still sing the anthem, asking for God's blessing on the Queen. When in the first verse, we sing 'send her victorious', this language need not apply to military victory. Her Majesty has throughout her reign displayed the character that has led her to be victorious over sadness, tragedy, bereavement and loss. Though it is also delightful to see her 'happy and glorious', at times of national mourning (in the face, say, of natural disasters), she has shown the courage that has helped others be courageous under massive pressures and challenges.

I am pleased that the tradition in this parish is to sing two verses of the national anthem at major civic occasions. The second verse is unfamiliar to many:

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen.

I particularly appreciate the sentiment: 'may she give us cause to sing'. A true leader not only encourages their followers, but also helps them feel pride in themselves, their team/country and their work. In recent times, we have seen Nelson Mandela and Barack Obama release their countries into a mood of national pride (even though some disagreed profoundly with their political decisions). Just think of the pictures of Mandela presenting the Rugby World Cup trophy to Francois Pienaar! Such great leaders articulate through their behaviour what it is to be a committed, loyal, compassionate citizen. This can be done in different ways – but we unite in a common cause. Look again at the South African national anthem, which combines verses in Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho, Afrikaans and English.

But there is a further verse of our national anthem that I have never sung:

O Lord our God arise,
Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall:
Confound their politics,

Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix:
God save us all.

The language clearly moves into one of opposition. This verse is less about the delights of the homeland; it is more about thwarting enemies. It takes a tone that 'we are right' because 'they are wrong'. That sentiment is distinctly unattractive. I do not find it difficult to sing the hymn 'Jerusalem' as the final lines are as applicable to any country as they are to England:

Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Our national anthem is a prayer: a prayer for God to bless the Queen - and through blessing the Queen, we are praying for all her subjects – and in praying for them, we are praying that they will “build Jerusalem” wherever they go, in whatever they do. The ripples of blessing can continue to spread outwards.

Robert

Sunday Worship • 5th June 2022

HOLY TRINITY

10am Sung Eucharist
Sermon by Ben Cahill-Nicholls

Acts 2.1-21; Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-17

6pm Jubilee Evensong

Preacher Rev. Rona Stuart-Bourne

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ST MARY'S

8am BCP Holy Communion
Led by Rod Pierce

10:30am Holy Communion
Led by Robert Cotton

Acts 2.1-21; Romans 8.14-17

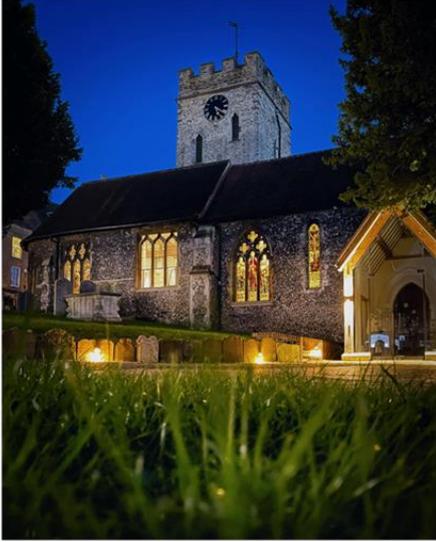
John 14.8-17

Midweek Holy Communion •
Wednesdays • 12 noon
(except the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

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Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am (9.30 Saturday)

Notices, Events and Reminders!



You are invited to the

Festival Afternoon

St Mary's
Quarry Street Guildford GU1 3UP

3-5pm Sunday 19 June 2022

- *come and explore our historic building with a taste of the activities based here*
- *enjoy a Cream Tea and music outdoors*
- *followed by a Service at 5 pm giving thanks for the updated facilities at St Mary's and for the ministry of Rev Keith Beckingham*

Food Bank Sundays

We continue to support the work of the North Guildford Food Bank and the next collection at Holy Trinity is on **Sunday 5th June**. Food Bank Sundays are usually on the first Sunday of the month; a list of dates up to October 2022 can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

If you are not going to be in church on one of these Sundays or would like to deliver your own bag, please take it either to St Clare's, Park Barn on a Monday morning between 9.30 and 11.30, when donations are sorted, and packed, or to the drop-off point at Sainsbury's in Burpham.

Alternatively please contact Mara Uzzell (07449 516024) and I will be happy to collect and deliver to St Clare's for you.

In addition to store cupboard items, particularly tinned items, toiletries for men and women, female sanitary products, nappies and household cleaning products are also welcome. A list of 'most needed' items are updated weekly at the drop-off point at Sainsbury's Burpham and on the Facebook page for North Guildford Food Bank.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, details can be found on the NGFB website <http://northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk/food-donations/>. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering opportunities at the Food bank please email volunteers@ngfoodbank.co.uk.

Please remember the clients of the Food bank in your prayers and continue to support NGFB with your donations. Thank you. Mara Uzzell

Vacancies

Abbot's Hospital has 2 vacancies for one-bedroom flats. One is for a single person, and the other may suit a couple or a single.

To be considered for a flat, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be at least 60 years of age
- be born in the Borough of Guildford or have lived in the Borough for specified periods
- be eligible to receive Housing Benefit or Universal Credit

- be capable of independent living – able to look after yourself and your home

If you would like more information or know someone who might, please call 01483 455591 or email master@abbotshospital.org

REMINDERS!!

Don't forget to sign up for our Come and Sing Platinum Jubilee Evensong taking place on the **5th June**.

Guildford Art Society will be hosting a Pop Up Art exhibition in Holy Trinity this **Saturday 4th June from 11 - 4**. Half the profits made on the day will go back to the Parish.

Practical Aspects of Spirituality at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford from 09.20 to 12.30 on **Saturday 11 June**. To reserve a place, email – rjfox@btinternet.com. These stand-alone Saturday morning sessions are open to all who want to take their spiritual lives deeper.

The Grafham Art Group have an Art Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral, running from **17th May - 19th June** at Guildford Cathedral.

Volunteers are still needed for Chit Chat! Please do click here for more information and contact Jane or Susan if you can volunteer some time.

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