

Common Ground Guildford



Daily Prayer for a Missional Community

**PRAY
TOGETHER
GO**

*Be still and know that I am God
I am exalted among the nations
I am exalted in the earth.
The Lord of Hosts is with us
The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Psalms 46:10f

4th edition

MORNING OFFICE

Another world is not only possible,
she is on her way
On a quiet day I can hear her breathing.

Silence

We have been shown what is good
May we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly.

Silence

Bible Reading

Let us hear the Word of God
Our ears and our hearts are open

Our own Scripture reading

Prayer

Bless all who worship you, Almighty God
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
From your goodness enrich us
by your love inspire us
by your Spirit guide us
in your power protect us
in your mercy receive us,
now and always.

We pray for Guildford...

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and
calling us into a new way.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as
God's crucial initiative,

that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives
us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the
children of the living God.

We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still
comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience
which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of
holy friendship.

We believe in the church as the fellowship of
Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another
through joys and tribulations
as we travel the road towards the "promised
land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called us
in this we truly believe.
Amen.

Blessing

Walk softly upon the earth.
May its beauty surround you,
May its wisdom delight you,
Its music invite you.

May you love and be loved,
May you know peace,
And practice compassion.

Rejoice in the earth and all of creation
Rejoice in life!

PRAYING FOR GUILDFORD

For healing and renewal

Sunday: Town Centre churches and places of worship, the Cathedral, Town Centre Chaplaincy, Street Angels, Volunteer pastors, Y Centre

Monday: Royal Surrey County Hospital and its chaplaincy, all medical centres, the ambulance service, social work and social care, those with nowhere to live

Tuesday: Our MP, Guildford Borough Council, councillors, employees, those caring for our environment, transport workers

Wednesday: Nurseries, childminders, playgroups, primary and secondary schools, Guildford College, Surrey University and its chaplaincy, Research Park

Thursday: The Courts, Police, Probation Service, Fire Service, Samaritans and all Voluntary support groups

Friday: Retail, Commerce, the self-employed and all seeking employment

Saturday: Sports and leisure, Catering and Hospitality, Entertainment, the Arts and Media

EVENING OFFICE

Opening

In the name of the restful Father,
In the name of the calming Son,
In the name of the peaceful Spirit.
May we and God be one.

Silence

Bible Reading

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth. *Ps 31:5*

Our Prayers

....remembering those for whom a night of work has just begun.

Refection

....on the day which is past:

Where have I been aware of God's goodness today?

Receive its gift once again

If there is something painful or unresolved, I place it into God's hands this night.

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The peace of God
be over us to shelter us,
under us to uphold us,
about us to protect us,
behind us to direct us,
ever with us to save us.
The peace of all peace
be ours this night,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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