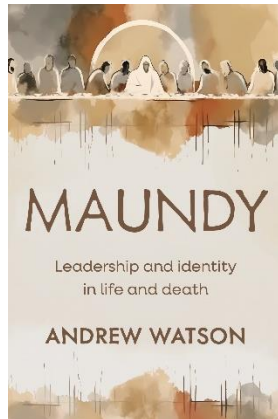


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Maundy

Leadership and identity in life and death

Andrew Watson

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It is a privilege for BRF Ministries to introduce this final work by Bishop Andrew Watson. As acting CEO Jules Morgan writes in her introduction, ‘We do so with gratitude, affection, and a deep sense of honour because this is not simply a book we have chosen to publish, but one that Andrew himself asked us to bring into being in the closing weeks of his life.’

Following his diagnosis with terminal pancreatic cancer early this year, Andrew asked us to publish his manuscript. With a touching Foreword by Stephen Cottrell, archbishop of York, it comprises the sermon Andrew preached at his installation as bishop of Guildford, his Maundy Thursday Chrim service sermons from his ten years in that role, and ‘Four last songs’, written in his final days.

In publishing this work we are conscious that we are handling something deeply personal and profoundly significant. This is Andrew’s final offering to the church – a distillation of years of reflection, experience, and faith. It is a gift, given with generosity and courage, at a time when every moment mattered. We commend it to you with gratitude for Andrew’s life and ministry, and with the prayer that readers may be encouraged, challenged, and drawn more deeply into the servant-hearted leadership to which Christ calls us all.

From Bishop Andrew’s introduction

‘Of all the many and varied preaching opportunities offered to bishops, perhaps the most cherished is the chance to preach at the Chrim Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. The Chrim Eucharist in 2025 was as special an occasion as any, and at that point I was feeling very well, with absolutely no sign of what was to come... At the very least this little project has helped to focus my mind on some of the key attributes of what it means to be a Christian disciple and minister through testing times, as well as lessening my disappointment that the Chrim Eucharist of 2025 is destined to have been my last.’

About the author

Andrew Watson was bishop of Guildford from 2014 until his death from pancreatic cancer on 3 March 2026. He was previously bishop of Aston in Birmingham. He has also written *Confidence in the Living God* (BRF Ministries, 2016), *The Fourfold Leadership of Jesus* (BRF Ministries, 2008), and *The Way of the Desert* (BRF Ministries, new edition 2026). More information [here](#).

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