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# **A Golden Standard:** How our Cathedral is advocating for a fairer future

**Sunday 21st April 2024**

Nestled in the heart of Chichester, our Cathedral stands not only as a symbol of faith but also as a beacon of ethical responsibility. This Cathedral proudly embraces the global Fairtrade movement, championing ethical sourcing practices and fair treatment for workers.

In 2011, the Cathedral made history by becoming the first UK-based organisation to adorn a public building with Fairtrade gold. The iconic golden cockerel that crowns the Cathedral's soaring spire was meticulously coated with Fairtrade gold leaf. This pioneering initiative was a collaboration between the Cathedral and Cred, an ethical jeweller that was based in Chichester. The gold was responsibly sourced from the Sotrami Mine in Peru, in adherence to Fairtrade and Fairmined standards. These certifications ensure that miners receive fair wages and that mining practices are environmentally sustainable, contributing to the stability and prosperity of local communities.

At the time, former Dean of Chichester, the Very Reverend Nicholas Frayling, emphasised the significance of the project, highlighting the transformative impact of Fairtrade and Fairmined gold on impoverished mining communities across South America. By prioritising ethically sourced gold, the Cathedral hoped to exemplify a commitment to social justice and economic empowerment. The project's funding, generously provided by a private donor, underscores the Cathedral's dedication to advancing Fairtrade principles beyond its walls.

Fairtrade values are embedded into all areas of the Cathedral's life; every cup of coffee or tea served within the Cathedral after services or in Offices at meetings reflects a conscious decision to support farmers and workers worldwide. 2024 is Fairtrade's 30th birthday and the Cathedral will be celebrating with pop up Fairtrade cafés with homemade cakes at events throughout the year.

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As we approach Rogation in May, we invite you to join a series of special events which aim to support our journey towards a sustainable future.

**Clothing Swap Shop**

**WHEN**: Saturday 4th May (9.00am – 12.00pm)

**WHERE**: Vicars’ Hall

Vicars' Hall will be transformed into a second-hand clothing swap shop! Dive into your wardrobe and pick out a few items to bring along and discover some fabulous new things to take home. Everyone is welcome. A Fairtrade Café will be offering tea, coffee and cake. Bring along a travel mug and help us reduce, reuse and recycle. This is a partnership event with Transition Chichester. Born out of a passion for recycling, reusing and the love of finding a bargain, this simple idea is one of Transition Chichester’s big successes.

**Rogation Sunday**

**WHEN**: Sunday 5th May

Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word ‘rogation’ comes from the Latin verb ‘rogare’, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. To mark this day, the Cathedral will welcome Guest Preacher Archdeacon Martin Williamson to its schedule of services on Sunday – including our 11.15am Eucharist, which will also be live-streamed to the Cathedral website.

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| **Volunteers needed for Clothing Swap & Fairtrade Cafe on Saturday 4 May, Vicars’ Hall 8.30am - 1.00pm**  Clothing donors, event helpers and bakers are desperately needed! Good quality men's, women's and children's clothing can be dropped off before the event to the Estates Office in office hours, Cathedral Cloisters FAO Victoria. If you can help on the day or make Fairtrade cakes for the cafe, please get in touch with Victoria for further details: **victoria.sutton@chichestercathedral.org.uk** |

[**FIND OUT MORE**](https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/rogation-sunday-service)

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Copies of Interim Dean Simon Holland’s sermon in relation to Stewardship and ensuring the future of our sustainable Cathedral are available for you to read and take home with you if you wish. Just ask one of the Vergers.

You can find out more about our Stewardship campaign at our Community Roadshow next Sunday (28th April), where we will be popping up after each service with tea and coffee.



UPCOMING SERVICES

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| Monday 22nd April | | | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | | |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |
| Tuesday 23rd April | |  |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer* | | |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 11.30am | **Royal Sussex Regimental Association St George's Day Act of Remembrance with Interment of Regimental Colours** | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |
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| Wednesday 24th April | |  |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | | |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Evening Prayer** *said* | |  |
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| Thursday 25th April | | | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | |  |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 10.30am | **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Evening Prayer** *said* | |  |

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| Friday 26th April | |  | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | |  |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | | |  | |
| Saturday 27th April | |  | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | |  |
| 8.30pm | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 2.00pm | **Eucharist with Commissioning of Authorised Lay Ministers** | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |
| Sunday 28th April | |  | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | | |
| 9.15am | **Children, Families & Caregivers Service** *with Baptism* | | |
| 10.15am | **Choral Mattins** | |  |
| 11.15am | **Sung Eucharist** *(also live-streamed)* | | |  |
| 1.30pm | **St George's Day Service for Chichester District Scout Council and Chichester Division Girlguiding** | | |  |
| 3.00pm | **Choral Evensong** *(also live-streamed)* | | |  |

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| Monday 29th April | | | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | | |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |
| Tuesday 30th April | |  |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer* | | |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |
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| Wednesday 1st May | |  |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | | |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Evening Prayer** *said* | |  |
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| Thursday 2nd May | | | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | |  |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 10.30am | **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |

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| Friday 3rd May | |  | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | |  |
| 8.30am | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | | |  | |
| Saturday 4th May | |  | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | |  |
| 8.30pm | **Mattins** *said* | |  |
| 5.30pm | **Choral Evensong** | |  |
| Sunday 5th May – **ROGATION SUNDAY** | |  | |
| 8.00am | **Holy Communion** | | |
| 9.15am | **Children, Families & Caregivers Service** | | |
| 10.15am | **Sung Mattins** | |  |
| 11.15am | **Sung Eucharist** *(also live-streamed)* | | |  |
| 3.00pm | **Choral Evensong** *(also live-streamed)* | | |  |

NEWS & INFORMATION

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**Our Children and Family service is growing, and we need your help!**

Could you please help us once a month from 9.00 am to 10.40 am as a Steward at our children, caregivers and family service which starts at 9.15 am on Sunday mornings and then follows on with refreshments in the Eastern Arm until 10.40 am?

Our Children do a great job welcoming worshippers and by handing out orders of service and song books before the service begins.

We are now looking for someone to help us to prepare for the service and to welcome any worshippers who arrive after the beginning of the service, many of whom will be new to church or to the Cathedral, and would appreciate a warm welcome and a sense of how to fit in.

As steward, you will also help us to keep an eye out for any children who are keen to go walkabout without their caregivers during the service and after the service during refreshments in the Eastern Arm. You will also keep in contact with the verging team in case further support is required.

This role would suit someone who enjoys interacting with children, young people, caregivers and families. Any necessary training, including Safeguarding training will be provided. The role holder will be subject to a Safeguarding check. For more information, please speak to Canon Jack or to Simon James.

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**James and Victoria become Authorised Lay Ministers**

We are thrilled to announce that James Allport and Victoria Leslie have successfully completed their training and have been approved to serve as Authorised Lay Ministers.

We invite you to join us in celebrating this milestone as James and Victoria are commissioned at the Cathedral on April 27th at 2.00pm. Let us come together to support and uplift them in their new roles as they continue to lead, inspire, and nurture the gifts of others, including children and families, within our congregation. Your presence and prayers on this joyous occasion are most welcome.

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**Join our staff team**

**Creative Learning Officer**

We have an exciting new opportunity to join our Learning & Engagement team, to provide a creative learning programme of opportunities for schools and families and will also work with our Operational Safeguarding Lead to ensure that the Cathedral complies with its safeguarding responsibilities and commitments.

It's a permanent full-time role with a salary of £37,000 and benefits that include the equivalent of 6.8 weeks leave, pension contribution, Employee Assistance Programme and 10% discount in the Cathedral shop.

Please submit your application form to: hr@chichestercathedral.org.uk by midnight on Monday 29th April 2024.

**Youth Ministry Co-ordinator**

We have an exciting new opportunity in our Learning & Engagement team to help to lead faith engagement with children, young people, their families & caregivers at the Cathedral, working with churches in the Deanery and in the Diocese and other partners across the whole of the Cathedral’s life.

It's a permanent part-time role, 21 hours per week equivalent to 0.6 FTE, with a salary of £16,200 [which equates to £27,000 FTE]. Benefits include the equivalent of 6.8 weeks leave, pension contribution, Employee Assistance Programme, 10% discount in the Cathedral shop.

Please submit your application form to: hr@chichestercathedral.org.uk by midnight on Monday 29th April 2024.

**Verger**

This is a permanent full-time role, working 40 hours per week over 5 days with two days off each week, but with regular evenings and weekend working. The annual salary is £27,260 and benefits include: free on-site parking, the equivalent of 6.8 weeks leave, a 6% employer pension contribution, access to our Employee Assistance Programme and 10% discount in the Cathedral shop. There is also the requirement to be available to be on-call on a regular basis for which there is additional remuneration.

If you would like an informal conversation with our Head Verger, and line manager for this post, please email him at: tim.morris@chichestercathedral.org.uk to make arrangements.

Please submit your completed application form - we are NOT accepting CVs - to our Head of HR, Val Timlin at: hr@chichestercathedral.org.uk by midnight on Sunday 19th May 2024.

**To download the application forms, or full recruitment packs, for any of these roles, please visit our website: CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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**Notice of revision of Electoral & Community Rolls**

Notice is hereby given that the (Parish Equivalent) Electoral and Community Roll of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity (Chichester Cathedral) will be revised beginning on Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 7th May 2024.

After the revision, a copy of both Rolls will be published (available for review from the Verger’s Office, or the Visitors’ Desk) for at least 14 days (from 7th May) and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made.

The Electoral Roll is for those persons who would, if the Cathedral had a parish, be eligible to be included on its church Electoral Roll. Those on the Parish Equivalent Roll (PER) will be eligible for election to Deanery Synod, and to vote within the elections. Under the Church Representation Rules, any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the Electoral Roll if the person is (a) is baptised, (b) is aged 16 or over, and (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

In response to the 2021 Cathedrals Measure, the Cathedral’s Constitution now permits the formation and maintenance of a Roll for members of our community who are not eligible for inclusion in the Parish Equivalent Roll. On this Roll, you will not be eligible for election to Deanery Synod or to place a vote. You only need to declare interest in one Roll. The first declaration for this Roll is that you are (a) a person over the age of 16 who worships regularly in the Cathedral and/or (b) a person who is engaged in work or service connected with the Cathedral in a regular capacity.

**The Annual Community Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May (following Choral Evensong).**

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Verger’s Office, or from the Visitors’ Desk.

Please note that if you enrolled in 2023, you **do not** have to complete a new form. Any error in your information, once published, should at once be reported to the Cathedral’s team.

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**Save the Date | Choral Evensong for Christian Aid**

We invite you to join us for a service of Choral Evensong to celebrate the ministry of Christian Aid on Tuesday 14th May, 5.30pm. At the service we will be joined by Patrick Watt, CEO for Christian Aid.

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**30 Years: Celebrating the ministry of women in the Diocese of Chichester**

30 years ago, the first women were ordained as priests. In the Diocese of Chichester, this took place on 15th May 1994.

Over three decades the Diocese has benefited from the ministry of numerous women, many of whom had served as deaconesses and deacons prior to 1994. To mark this milestone, the Cathedral will be hosting a photographic exhibition containing over 30 self-portraits of the women who have served our Diocese and continue to do so today.

The portraits will be on display alongside short reflections provided by the sitters, upon their ministry, daily life and guidance to those seeking to be part of the life of a church.

As well as the exhibition, a special Eucharist will take place at the Cathedral on Monday 13th May 2024 at 11.30am with the Bishop of Horsham, the Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager. All are welcome to attend.

The exhibition is on display and available to view in the Cathedral’s North Chapels until 31st May. The portraits and stories will also be shared on social media via the Cathedral and Diocesan channels.

**Call for Visiting Choirs**

We have vacancies for visiting choirs to sing for our services on the following dates:

* Half term week 27th – 31st May, especially for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday 30th May;

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| If you are interested, please contact Thomas Roberts:  **T:** 01243 812 488 **| E:** thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk |

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**Living in Love & Faith**

The Interim Dean and Cathedral Chapter would like to offer any interested members of the Cathedral Community the opportunity to attend the Church of England’s *Living in Love and Faith* course. This video-based course helps participants to explore how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. The course, rooted in the Pastoral Principles, has also been designed to allow members of the Church family to ask: ‘What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?’.

The course will run from George Bell House once a month from 2.15 pm to 4.15 pm on 9/6/24, 7/7/24, 4/8/24, 1/9/24, 6/10/24 and 24/11/24.

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| If you would be interested in learning more about the course, or participating in it, please contact Canon Jack before 24th May 2024:  **E:** jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk |

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**Baptisms**

If you would like to explore Baptism in 2024, please contact any of the clergy team. We offer the Sacrament of Baptism throughout the year and are always delighted to explore this with people.

**First Communions**

Following the successful introduction of First Communions at the Cathedral in 2023, the Cathedral will be celebrating a First Communion service at the  
Family Service on Sunday 9th June 2024 at 9.15am. If you have a child who is seven or above and they would like to make their First Communion, please write to Canon Jack. All candidates for First Communion will need to attend a total of three preparation sessions. Each session runs from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The first two sessions are in Vicar’s Hall and the last is in George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. The sessions will run on Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th May 2024.

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| **For further details contact Canon Jack:**  **E:** jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk |

**Confirmations**

Any child aged 11 or above who would like to explore Confirmation is invited to be in contact with Canon Dan by 22nd April 2024. Bishop Ruth will be confirming candidates in the Cathedral during the evening of Tuesday 25th June 2024. If you have not yet been baptised, the sacrament of baptism can also be offered before Confirmation.

Classes to help young people to explore and prepare for Confirmation will take place during the 11.15 am Eucharistic service in the Cathedral on the following Sundays:  5/5/24, 12/5/24, 19/5/24, 26/5/24, 9/6/24, 16/6/24 and 23/6/24. It is important that confirmation candidates can commit to attending these sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Canon Dan.

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| **For further details contact Canon Dan:**  **E:** daniel.inman@chichestercathedral.org.uk |

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**Extending Hospitality: Appeal for Help**

We would like to ensure that when members of the congregation meet together in George Bell House for small study groups (such as Lent Groups) we can offer some basic hospitality, which might include hot soup. To do this we need a small group of people who are willing to help. It does not mean that you are required to make the soup, but you will need to take a basic Food Hygiene course (the Cathedral would organise this as a group session).  Please contact Canon Vanessa Baron if you might be interested.

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| **For further details contact Canon Vanessa:**  **E:** vanessa.baron@chichestercathedral.org.uk |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Lunchtime Concerts**

**WHEN**: Tuesday (Termtime; 1.10pm)

**WHERE**: Cathedral Nave

Chichester Cathedral's popular lunchtime concerts take place on Tuesdays at 1.10pm during term time, in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Nave. They are free and last approximately 50 minutes. There is a retiring collection.

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**Cathedral Friends: Book after Breakfast with Canon Dan**

**WHEN**: Thursday 25th April (10.00am)

**WHERE**: George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

Chichester Cathedral Friends are pleased to present *Book after Breakfast* on Thursday 25th April 2024 at George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. Tea and coffee, and biscuits, will be served at 10am followed by an informal talk by The Reverend Dr Dan Inman on the book *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan (Faber & Faber 2022).

On this book, Canon Dan says: "This short novella draws us into the world of 1980s Ireland and the story of a coal merchant, Bill Furlong, discovering the unnerving secrets of a local community. An exploration of a community’s complicity in covering up the truth and one man’s decency, it is a beautifully written study of human nature." Shortlisted for the Booker Prize and winner of the Orwell Prize in 2022, and shortly to be made into a film, *Small Things Like These* is considered as one of the finest offerings from Irish fiction in recent years.

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| All are very welcome at Friends events. Tickets cost £5.00 and you can book by calling The Friends on Tuesday and Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK** |

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**Friends | Monthly Coffee Mornings**

**WHEN**: Saturday 4th May (10.00am)

**WHERE**: South Transept

Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for a coffee, biscuit and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral’s South Transept at 10.00am - 11.15am. Everyone is welcome at all our events. You can also bring a friend, so please come and join us! No booking required - just pop in.

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**Clothing Swap Shop**

**WHEN**: Saturday 4th May (9.00am – 12.00pm)

**WHERE**: Vicars’ Hall

Vicars’ Hall will be transformed into a second-hand clothing swap shop from 9.00am – 12.00pm on Saturday 4th May. Dive into your wardrobe and pick out a few items to bring along and discover some fabulous new things to take home! Everyone is welcome. A Fairtrade Cafe will be offering tea, coffee and cake. Bring along a travel mug and help us reduce, reuse and recycle.

This is a partnership event with Transition Chichester. Born out of a passion for recycling, reusing and the love of finding a bargain. This simple idea is one of Transition Chichester’s big successes. No money changes hands. The fashion industry is responsible for 8-10% of our carbon emissions each year alongside its ethical challenges around workers’ human rights on farms or in factories. By recycling clothing and ‘breaking up’ with fast fashion, we can reduce our impact on the planet and save money too!

How do I get involved with the Clothes Swap?

We recommend bringing approximately 3 items of good quality men’s, women’s or children’s clothing or accessories to swap on the day but please ensure that any clothes you are bringing are clean and in good condition. Pre-loved jackets, jumpers, trousers, dresses, tops, hats and scarves can be brought to swap for new favourites on an item for item basis.

We may say no to unsuitable items that we’ll ask you to take away yourself (No visible holes or missing buttons please). Please do not bring underwear, swimwear or hosiery.

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**Saying Goodbye: A Service of Remembrance**

**WHEN**: Saturday 11th May (11.00am)

**WHERE**: Chichester Cathedral

A special Service of Remembrance for anyone affected by the loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, whether recently or historically, and for those grieving never having had children.

When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family. Organised by The Mariposa Trust, the Saying Goodbye services are the first international set of remembrance services, for people who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage, and whether that be recently or decades ago. They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby, whilst collectively 'saying goodbye'.

The service also welcomes anyone grieving the fact that they have been unable to have children.

The service is for people of any faith or no faith, is free to attend, and people are invited to bring family, friends and children with them.

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**Residential Retreat: The Mysteries of the Kingdom: The Beatitudes and the Christian Life**

**WHEN:** Monday 12th – Tuesday 14th May

**WHERE:** George Bell House

This event is now fully booked. To add your name to a waiting list, please contact: **bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk**

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**The Life and Death of Alexander Litvinenko**

**WHEN**: Thursday 16th May (6.00pm)

**WHERE**: The Music Room, Champs Hill

*The Life & Death of Alexander Litvinenko* is a story with all the classic ingredients for an opera: power, politics, betrayal, love, jeopardy. Former FSB officer Alexander Litvinenko became Putin’s most ebullient and needling critic. As he lay dying, he worked with Scotland Yard detectives, and tracked the lethal poisoning to his former colleague – and football fan – Andrei Lugovoy. This real-life story is told through a series of flashbacks and flash-forwards covering events in Russia that led Litvinenko to seek exile and his family’s life in London.

Composer, Anthony Bolton, will offer an insight to his creative process and inspiration for the opera which had its world premiere at Grange Park Opera in 2021.

The Music Room at Champs Hill is an incredibly special place, where music is celebrated whilst surrounded by an extraordinary private art collection and glorious gardens set in the landscape of the South Downs.

Tickets £100 inc. Hospitality and pre-screening interview with composer, Anthony Bolton

This event is in aid of the Chichester Cathedral Platinum Endowment Trust for Music, which aims to sustain and develop the priceless musical heritage of Chichester Cathedral for future generations.

Visit our website to further information, or to book your space: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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**The Cathedral Fellowship | Richard’s Great Rail Journeys**

**WHEN**: Tuesday 21st May (2.15pm)

**WHERE**: Vicars’ Hall (Postponed from March) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Richard Ashby has loved trains and railways since his earliest years. In this presentation, he takes us on a journey from the wooden trains of his childhood to his European and cross-continental journeys and railway holidays in Switzerland.

Richard was Head of Libraries and Archives in Bath and Northeast Somerset before retiring to Chichester where he has been a member of the Cathedral Congregation for 15 years. Amongst other activities, he looks after the Cathedral Fellowship.

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**Cathedral Friends: Watts Gallery and Chapel Coach Trip   
WHEN:** Tuesday 21st May 2024 (9.00am - 4.30pm)

Join the Cathedral Friends on a day out to the Watts Gallery and the magnificent Chapel in the village of Compton, near Guildford. During the visit you will have the opportunity to see the Arts and Crafts Chapel designed by Mary Watts in dramatic stucco and terracotta, as well as the Gallery dedicated to the work of George Frederic Watts (1817-1904).

Enjoy coffee and biscuits on arrival and a sandwich lunch in the Old Kiln private dining room (meat, fish and vegetarian options available). After lunch you will have free time to explore the artists’ historic home and studio Limnerslease. You will also be able to discover the story of George and Mary and the Compton Pottery, purchase artisan crafts in the shop or visit an exhibition of De Morgan pottery. You may also explore the gardens and extensive woodlands. There is much to see at the Watts Chapel and Gallery, and this day out is bound to inspire.

Tickets for the day cost £65 including coach travel, coffee, entrance fees, a guided tour and a sandwich lunch. The group size is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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| You can book by calling John, the Friends Membership Secretary, on Tuesday or Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends |

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**London Concertante - Bond by Candlelight**

**WHEN**: Saturday 25th May (performances at 7.00pm and 9.00pm)

**WHERE**: Cathedral Nave

Join the acclaimed ensemble on their sell-out Candlelight Concerts series at astounding cathedrals across the UK & Ireland for an unforgettable night of live classical music, where they scale the heights of gigantic soundtracks and iconic scores from some of the best Bond movies of all time.

Get ready to delight in the drama of male and female voices and the renowned orchestra ensemble performing hits including “Diamonds are Forever”, “No Time to Die”, “Skyfall”, “From Russia with Love”, “GoldenEye”, “Tomorrow Never Dies”, “Thunderball”, “Goldfinger”, “Nobody Does it Better” and many, many more. All by the splendour of glamorous, shimmering candlelight.

Book early to avoid disappointment and get ready for the ride!

Tickets start from £19.00. Visit our website to further information, or to book your space: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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**Newcomer Drinks**

**WHEN**: Tuesday 11th June (6.45pm, or after Evening Prayer or Evensong)  
**WHERE**: George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

We would love the opportunity of meeting our community’s newest members, including any folks who have joined us over the last six months. Why not join us for the service of evening prayer or Choral Evensong, at 5.30pm, directly before drinks in George Bell House?

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**Festival of Flowers 2024**

**WHEN**: 5th – 8th June

**WHERE**: Cathedral Quarter, Cloisters with Market in Paradise

The Festival of Flowers is a four-day spectacular in the setting of Chichester’s almost 950 year old Cathedral, taking place from 5th – 8th June 2024.

Visitors to the Festival will have the opportunity to experience 60 floral arrangements, handcrafted by talented florists and flower enthusiasts from across the county.

The Festival will also see the return of celebrated Sculptor Philip Jackson, who will be presenting an exhibition of sculptures exclusively for ticket holders.

Whether you are a keen gardener or simply appreciate the beauty of flowers, we are confident that you will find something to inspire and delight you.

Tickets start from £18.00. Visit our website for further information, or to book your space: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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**Cathedral Friends: Festival Day and AGM**

**WHEN:** Thursday 13th June 2024 (From midday)

The Friends are pleased to announce our Festival Day & AGM with lunch on 13th June 2024. Friends are welcome to attend all or any part of the day**. Booking is required for the lunch only.**

**Schedule:**

* **Midday**: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel;
* **12.45 for 1.00pm:** A delicious two-course Lunch in the Assembly Rooms;
* **2.30pm:** AGM in the Cathedral Nave;
* **3.00pm:** We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Prof Jane Longmore, Vice Chancellor of the University of Chichester;
* **3.45pm:** Tea and cake in George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane.

Our guest speaker, Professor Jane Longmore, took up the post as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Chichester in May 2017 and has led the completion of the £35million Creative and Digital Technology Park at the Bognor Regis campus and opened the School of Nursing and Allied Health in Chichester. Both are key initiatives in accelerating the provision of higher skills in West Sussex. She is also a member of the Sussex Health and Care Assembly. Jane is a Professor of Urban History, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Historical Society in 2014. We look forward to welcoming Jane on our special Friends Day.

Join us for a delicious 2-course lunch in The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester, at 12:45 for 1pm. You will be welcomed with a drink on arrival, followed by a buffet of seasonal salads and a selection of hand-made quiches with meat, fish and vegetarian options, and a lovely choice of summer desserts. Please mention any dietary requirements when booking. There will also be a cash bar. Lunch tickets cost £30.

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| You can book by calling the Friends on Tuesday or Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends |

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**Open Air Theatre at Chichester Cathedral | Hamlet with The Lord Chamberlain's Men**

**WHEN**: Sunday 16th June (7.00m)

**WHERE**: Paradise

To celebrate 20 years of open-air theatre, the Lord Chamberlains Men are proud to stage Hamlet in Chichester Cathedral's green space, Paradise. With a history stretching back to William Shakespeare’s original company, they present this great play as he first saw it – in the open air, with an all-male cast and Elizabethan costumes, music and dance. Bring a chair and a picnic and prepare to be entertained and transported. Book early to avoid missing out!

Tickets start from £18.00. Visit our website to further information, or to book your space: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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**The Cathedral Fellowship | D-Day, Arnhem and the crossing of the Rhine with Michael Ashby and Jonathan Walker**

**WHEN**: Tuesday 18th June (2.15pm)

**WHERE**: Vicars’ Hall PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

June this year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Allied Invasion of western Europe. Robert Ashby was the Librarian of the public library in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Robert had been called up in 1940 and volunteered to join the new Glider Pilot Regiment, which had been created by the British Army after Churchill had seen the effective use of gliders by the Germans in the invasion of Crete in 1941. Robert took part in the Pegasus Bridge operation on D-Day and was at Arnhem and the final Crossing of the Rhine in April 1945.

He wrote his war memories around the time of the 50th anniversary, when he contributed to the establishment of the D-Day museum and following his death in 2019 at the age of 103, they were edited and published.

Michael Ashby is Robert Ashby’s second son. He was a criminal lawyer in Exeter and is now a guide at Exeter Cathedral (following in the footsteps of his mother, Jeane, who was a guide here in Chichester). It was at Exeter that he met Jonathan Walker, a military historian and author, who, recognising the importance of this first-hand account, has edited the text and brought it to publication.

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**Choral Evensong welcoming participants of Chichester Pride**

**WHEN**: Tuesday 18th June (5.30pm)

**WHERE**: Quire

Chichester Cathedral looks forward to warmly welcoming participants of Chichester Pride to Choral Evensong on Tuesday 18th June 2024.

Chichester Pride exists to promote the diversity, inclusivity, respect and unity of all communities within the city of Chichester.

The Cathedral is looking forward to inviting members of Pride from across the city to enjoy the beauty of Choral Evensong, to take part in joyous worship and to pray for greater respect, tolerance and understanding in this City and across the World. The service will be followed by drinks.

Who is this service for?

This service is for everyone – whether you’re a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, an ally, or simply want to be part of worship at Chichester Cathedral. We look forward to warmly welcoming you.

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**Douai Abbey Retreat | The Mystery of Christ**

**WHEN:** March 2025

**WHERE:** Douai Abbey, Berkshire

The Rev Dr Earl Collins has kindly agreed to lead the Lent Retreat at Douai Abbey in Berkshire in March 2025. The retreat will run from 4 pm on Thursday 6th March 2025 to 2 pm on Sunday 9th March 2025. The theme of the retreat will be The Mystery of Christ. Christ as the revelation of God’s Mystery is a key notion in the New Testament. This retreat will focus on how the Mystery was revealed in the main events of Christ’s life and work. In each session we will look at three dimensions: the witness to the Mystery in Scripture, how the Church celebrates it in worship and what it means for the life and prayer of each Christian individually. The aim will be to contemplate Christ in his saving work, so as to draw closer to God. During this retreat we will consider:

* The Baptism of Christ
* The Transfiguration
* The Paschal Mystery
* The Ascension
* The Eucharist

The retreat will cost approximately (prices to be confirmed nearer the time) £250 plus VAT per person for a single room for full board for the three nights and £205 plus VAT per person for a shared room for full board for the three nights. The Cathedral is unable to provide transport to the Abbey but may be able to help to arrange car shares.

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| **If you are interested, please contact Thomas Roberts on:**  **E**: thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk | **T**: 01243 812488 |

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| The Diary Notes & News for the Cathedral community is printed fortnightly. If you have news to share with the community, please contact us:  **E:** info@chichestercathedral.org.uk  **P:** Communications Team, Chichester Cathedral, The Royal Chantry, Cathedral Cloisters, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1PX |

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**Deacons Ish & Irene**

Deacons Ish and Irene would value your thoughts and prayers on Sunday 5th May when they will be sharing a “When the road is rough and steep” testimony concert at Chiddingfold Baptist Church.

Deacons Ish and Irene would value your thoughts and prayers on Saturday May 11th when they will be sharing a “When the road is rough and steep” testimony concert and Sunday May 12th when they will be leading an all-age music celebration at Ashdon Baptist Church (Near Cambridge).

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**Save the Date: Invitation to all Wives & Widows of Retired Clergy**

All are warmly invited for lunch in the Sherborne Room at the Bishop’s Palace on Thursday 25th April at 11:30am for a catch up with lunch at noon. You might like to consider attending the Cathedral BCP Holy Communion Service at 10:30am. Spread the news – everyone is welcome! Please RSVP with dietary requirements to:

Revd Martha Weatherill (**T**: 0747 290 9011 | **E:** mthrmartha@gmail.com).

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**Cloisters Kitchen and Garden**

Every Sunday throughout April and May, The Cloisters café are offering a free hot pudding with every roast dinner purchased to anyone who books in a table in advance.

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| **To book a table, either email gm.cloisters@hotmail.co.uk or telephone the café on 01243 211054** |

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**The Cathedral Trust**

As many of you already know the Flower Stall in the Cloisters sells flower arrangements during the biennial Festival of Flowers. Most popular were the arrangements in cups and saucers, baskets and even jam jars. These sold out quite quickly and were instrumental in the stall’s huge success in raising funds for the Cathedral.

Please would you kindly help us by bringing any surplus cups, saucers and baskets to the Trust office in the Cloisters. This frees up cupboard space for you whilst helping us to make a success of the Flower Stall!

If we start collecting now, we should have enough for the duration of the ’24 Festival. We really appreciate your support, so thank you and please do come and visit our stall – entry to the Cloisters is free!

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**A Prayer to end on**

This prayer is from West Africa and appears in the BBC Songs of Praise Book of Prayer by Andrew Barr, published in 2007 by Lion Hudson books.

Lord, we thank you that our churches are like big families,

Lord, let your spirit of reconciliation blow all over the earth,

Let Christians live your love.

Lord, we praise you in Europe's cathedrals, in America's offering,

And in our African songs of praise.

Lord, we thank you that we have brothers and sisters in all the world.

Be with them that make peace.

AMEN