

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

DECEMBER 2018

The Habit of Holiness: Saturday 1st December 2 - 3.30pm. The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester, will speak on 'The Habit of Holiness - Praying in the Benedictine tradition'. Venue: The Guildhall, Priory Park, Chichester, PO19 1NS. Doors open at 1.30pm. Tickets £5. To book call 01243 839922 or email bestillchichester@btinternet.com www.bestillchichester.com

Be Still: The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesday 4th and 18th December (7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing 8.30pm) in 4 Canon Lane. The guiding theme for the year is *'The Rule of St Benedict'*; the specific focus for the evenings will be *'Listen Carefully'* (4th) and *'Attend to what God says'* (18th).

Christian Aid Lunches: Every Wednesday during Advent at Christ Church, Old Market Avenue, Chichester, 12 - 1.30pm. Join us for soup, homemade bread, biscuits and a hot drink and please donate as much as you feel able for Christian Aid. (*Julie Schofield, Annabelle Hancock.*)

Star of Bethlehem: A spectacular laser Star of Bethlehem will be suspended above the Arundel Screen until Sunday 3rd February. This geometric star, made by focusing two lasers onto a transparent screen above the Arundel Screen, is created by coding artist Jayson Haebich. Cathedral visitors will be able to manipulate the colour and shape of the 'modern-day' star by using an iPad. The geometric star has been set up to change gradually over time, evolve and never repeat the same shape. Free entry.

Dementia-Friendly Carol Service, Monday 3rd December 2.30pm - 3pm, followed by refreshments. Designed to be accessible for people living with dementia and their carers, the service will celebrate Christmas with carols, short prayers, readings, and a simple retelling of the Christmas story assisted by local school children and two donkeys from the Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the South Transept of the Cathedral. The Cathedral nave is fully accessible. All staff facilitating this event are Dementia Friends trained. Residential homes are welcome to bring groups. There is no charge for tickets although advance booking is essential. Please contact Cynara Davies to book or for further details on 01243 812997 or email cynara.davies@chichestercathedral.org.uk Organised by Chichester Cathedral in partnership with the Chichester Anna Chaplaincy and Alzheimer's Society's Chichester and Bognor Positive Thinkers, a group of people living well with dementia.

Cathedral Christmas Lunch in the Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane. Wednesday 5th December at 12 noon. Sherry Reception followed by a delicious traditional three-course lunch with coffee and mince pies. £25 per person. Call 01243 782 595.

Last chance to book! A reminder that the final date to book your place at the Friends' Epiphany Lunch is **Friday 7th December**. Tickets and menu options can be booked at the Cathedral shop in The Cloisters or online at ccfriends.org/events. The actual meal is being held on Wednesday 9th January 2019, 12 noon for 12.30pm, in Restaurant Sixty Four, Chichester College. This year's speaker is Colin Tebbutt MVO, whose talk *'Anecdotes of a Royal Protection Officer'* is sure to fascinate! After a career in the Royal Marines, Colin joined the Metropolitan Police Force in the Royal Protection Division. During his career he looked after Princess Alexandra, Princess Anne, the Duchess of York and, most famously, Diana, Princess of Wales. Tickets £22 per person. Drink on arrival and cash bar.

The Friends' Christmas Fair: Saturday 8th December. Entrance £2, includes coffee and biscuits. Please help us make the Christmas Fair a great success! We would be very grateful to receive donations for the following stalls: books, tombola, bric-à-brac, jams, chutneys, plants or Christmas table decorations, cakes, bread and quiches. Please bring your donations to the Friends' Office on weekdays between 10.30am - 4pm from 3rd December to 7th December. Please bring cakes, breads and quiches on Friday 7th December between 2pm - 4pm or on Saturday 8th December between 9am - 10am. Marianne (07584 493988) will collect any donations in Chichester from those who find it impossible to deliver.

If you would like to help setting up the fair on Friday 7th December from 2 - 4pm, or if you would like to help on a stall on the day, or for any other information regarding the fair, please contact Liz 07990 583503 or Marianne 07584 493988.

Chichester Singers Concert: 8th December. Performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Limited tickets left from <https://chichestersingers.co.uk/buy-tickets/> or in person from the Box Office at The Novium, Tower Street, Chichester 01243 816525.

G4 Christmas Concert - Monday 10th December at 7.30pm. Sold out.

Advent Concert: Saturday 15th December at **7.30pm**. *NMH* and *Three Parts Vied* perform 'Magnificat' and 'Wachet Auf' by JS Bach. Music directed by Charles Harrison, the Cathedral's Organist and Master of the Choristers. Do join us! The concert is free with a retiring collection, and our thanks go to the Chichester Cathedral Friends for their support. ** Please note: the start time was previously advertised as 6.30pm - this is incorrect.

BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey Carol Service: Local radio will once more be broadcasting a special live service of carols from Chichester Cathedral to their many listeners. Although application for tickets via the BBC Sussex and Surrey website has now closed, please do tune in on the day and listen to our choir on Sunday 16th December at 4pm.

St Paul's and City of Chichester Mothers' Union will meet Thursday 20th December, at St Paul's Church. Many of us attend the 10am Eucharist before the meeting at 11am, when we will share 'A Christmas Anthology'. For more information please contact Janet Watson, 01243 788525 or Heather Hyde 01243 785633. Diocesan information can be found at www.chichestermu.org and The MU magazine *Families First* is available from www.muenterprises.org/familiesfirst

Get in the festive spirit and enjoy a delicious three-course meal with Bucks Fizz on arrival at 4 Canon Lane! Three courses, £25 per person. Two courses, £21 per person. Saturday 1st December - Friday 21st December (excluding Sundays), at 12pm, 12.30pm, 1pm and 1.30pm. For reservations 01243 813585 or events@chichestercathedral.org.uk. Non refundable deposit of £10 per person required at the time of booking; pre-orders seven days in advance.

Stay in 4 Canon Lane: 25% discount on all accommodation at 4 Canon Lane from Monday 3rd December to Sunday 31st March. For reservations please call 01243 813585, email bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk or alternatively book online at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Looking ahead to future months...

Friends' Epiphany Lunch with Guest Speaker: Wednesday 9th January 2019.
See entry on previous page about booking deadline.

Spring Lunchtime Concert Series: Our wonderful series of free lunchtime concerts in the Nave recommences on Tuesday 15th January with Fiona Jones and Sophie Aynsley on oboe and piano. For full details please see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Chorister Open Day 2019 will be held on Saturday 2nd March, 1 - 4pm. This is a great opportunity to experience a taste of the chorister life. There will be a choral workshop, led by a professional singer, some play time with the choristers, and an opportunity to sing with the choir for a short service. The day is geared particularly towards boys in years 2 and 3, and we welcome all those who are interested – experience of music and singing is not a requirement. That said, if you know of children who have already shown some enthusiasm for music, there is a good chance that they will get a lot out of the open day. To find out more, contact Charles Harrison on 01243 812486 organist@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Retreat 2019: 'Music for Lent and Holy Week'. Led by the Venerable Archdeacon Edward Dowler at Worth Abbey Open Cloister Retreat Centre. Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th March. Please put these dates in your diaries. Booking will open in January. Cost in region of £136.

Exciting News

NEW DEAN OF PORTSMOUTH

The Bishop of Portsmouth has announced that the new Dean of Portsmouth will be Canon Dr Anthony Cane, currently our Chancellor at Chichester Cathedral.

Anthony has served here at Chichester since 2007 and has led a transformation of the Cathedral's work in the areas of education, the arts, visitor engagement, and external partnerships. His priorities as the new Dean of Portsmouth, the most senior cleric at Portsmouth Cathedral, will include securing its long-term sustainability, developing congregation numbers and sharpening its strategic focus.

Anthony said of his new post: “I am thrilled to be joining the Cathedral and diocese as Dean of Portsmouth. What a privilege to have the chance to live and pray at the heart of a vibrant, diverse city and diocese. I look forward to working closely with the Bishop, Cathedral staff, worshipping community and volunteers, in furthering the ministry of the Cathedral as a sign of God’s deep compassion and grace for every corner of the city and diocese. While there are challenges to face, the Cathedral is well placed to go from strength to strength, and I am excited to be arriving at this point in its history.”

The Bishop of Chichester, the Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner, said: “Anthony Cane is one of the most imaginative theological communicators in the Diocese of Chichester. He brings an enquiring mind to a praying heart, and relates them to his experience of the world around him. Anthony will be greatly missed by the Cathedral congregation and community in Chichester. We are delighted that he is moving to our neighbouring Diocese of Portsmouth and we assure him, and his wife, Clare, of our prayers and very best wishes for the future.”

The Dean of Chichester, the Very Reverend Stephen Waine said: “Chichester Cathedral has benefitted greatly from Anthony Cane’s ministry as Canon Chancellor. His gift for theological enquiry has enriched our life, and his joyful capacity for hard work and his enthusiasm for the Cathedral’s ministry in Chichester and throughout the diocese have been much appreciated. Anthony and Clare will be missed by the Cathedral community.

“We are pleased that they are moving ‘next door’ and we wish them well and assure them of our prayers for their move and for ministry in the Cathedral, city and Diocese of Portsmouth.”

Anthony will be installed as Dean of Portsmouth on Saturday 16th March.

Would you like to attend Anthony’s installation?

The Chichester Cathedral Friends have organised a coach trip for people wishing to attend Anthony’s installation as Dean of Portsmouth on Saturday 16th March 2019.

The coach will depart from the Bell Tower at 2.30pm on the 16th March to get us there in good time for the service at 4pm. Round trip tickets cost £10 per person and can be booked on www.ccfriends.org or purchased at the Cathedral shop. We look forward to you joining us.

Chichester Cathedral Chapter Summary: October / November

In October Chapter visited Old Alresford Place and spent its awayday planning how to evolve further towards the model of governance and strategic leadership outlined in the Cathedrals Working Group Report, supported by the Cathedral's Executive Board which should be responsible for operational management.

At November's Chapter meeting the Fundraising team from the Cathedral's Restoration and Development Trust presented their strategy for the coming years. This is designed to deliver both capital and revenue fundraising for the Cathedral with the key targets being the remaining funds required for the cathedrals re-roofing project and their commitment to provide support for music and learning and engagement activity. Chapter agreed to start a fundraising group to make sure that the various areas involved in fundraising can work together.

Chapter considered recommendations for the re-development of the Treasury Building, which is currently occupied downstairs by the Finance Team (and sometimes the Cathedral Friends), with the upstairs vacant. It endorsed the recommendation to seek to create apartment-hotel rooms for short term rental, which also offered the flexible alternative of longer-term tenancies. A timeline for the work will now be developed.

The Head of Finance presented an analysis of the Cathedral's investment portfolio, including property, to enable Chapter to consider the areas which are performing less well and where it might generate further income to support the Cathedral in its mission. The briefing also informed a discussion about how the Treasury project could best be funded.

And on a different note...

HELPERS ARE SOUGHT TO SERVE MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES in the Cloisters after the Cathedral Carol Services on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December. Volunteers on the 20th and 21st will be needed from 7pm until 7.45pm, and on the 22nd from 4pm until 4.45pm. If you would like to take part in this jolly festive occasion please contact Carolyn in the Cathedral Office on 01243 782595 or reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk

SHOP AND SUPPORT THE ROOF APPEAL: You can now raise money for the Roof Appeal when you shop on-line with 3,500 shops and sites. Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk whenever you shop on-line and click through to your chosen retailer or service provider. Chichester Cathedral Trust will receive a donation from anyone you shop with when you shop on-line via easyfundraising. Please consider doing this when you're doing your Christmas shopping and you will help raise money for the Roof Appeal.

CHICHESTER FOODBANK: Please remember all those who will be forced to turn to the Chichester Foodbank over the upcoming festive period... Urgently needed items include: pasta sauce; tinned fruit; tinned meat (stewing steak, mince meat, chicken); jam; UHT Milk; tinned veg (carrots, peas, sweetcorn); tinned spaghetti; potatoes (tinned or smash); rice pudding / custard; sponge puddings; biscuits treats; toilet roll. You can place your donations in the collection basket at the back of the Cathedral. With grateful thanks.

WANTED! The Learning and Engagement Department would be grateful to hear from anyone who has a black academic gown which they would be prepared to donate for use in one of our costumed workshops with schools. Please contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk or leave with Carolyn in the Cathedral Office.

CAN YOU HELP...? The Learning and Engagement Department would be grateful for donations of bottle or jam jar or milk bottle tops or lids in the following colours: yellow, red, blue, orange, brown, purple and white. (We currently have plenty of green milk bottle lids!) Please leave with Carolyn in the Cathedral Office.

THANK YOU TO ALL who generously donated lego for bridge building at the School Friends Service on 9th November - it was very much enjoyed by the children involved! (*Learning and Engagement Department*).

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Services

Advent Procession	Saturday 1st December at 6pm
Dementia-Friendly Carol Service	Monday 3rd December at 2.30pm
Annual Carol Services	Thursday 20th December at 6pm Friday 21st December at 6pm Saturday 22nd December at 3pm
CHRISTMAS EVE	Monday 24th December Crib Services at 2.30pm & at 4pm Evensong at 5.30pm Midnight Eucharist at 11pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	Sunday 25th December Holy Communion at 8am Choral Mattins at 10am Sung Eucharist at 11am Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
Epiphany Procession	Sunday 13th January at 6pm

None of these services require tickets, with the exception of the Dementia-friendly Carol Service, for which you do need to book - simply call 01243 812997.

For a full list of services over this festive period, including carol services for external organisations, please see our website.

We wish you, your friends and families, a very Merry Christmas.

The copy deadline for the January leaflet is Sunday 16th December.

Please send your text to Charlotte Rattray at lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk Thank you.