

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

JANUARY 2019

Friends' Epiphany Lunch: Wednesday 9th January. This event is now fully booked.

Scripture Song: Deacon Ish is performing his 'Scripture Song' concert at Chichester Baptist Church at 7pm on Saturday 12th January. All are welcome and the concert is suitable for all ages. Come ready to sing and smile.... and see what Ish gets up to on his travels! Admission free. An offering will be taken.

The Diocesan Year of Vocations is being launched on Sunday 13th January, the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. Churches across the Diocese will be provided with a range of materials and encouraged to celebrate God's calling in different ways to people of all ages. As with the previous Diocesan initiatives the Cathedral here will be participating fully with activities throughout the year. The Bishop will be preaching at the Sunday Eucharist on this day and is commissioning 38 Lay Ministers within the liturgy.

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

Be Still: The next meeting of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, exploring silent prayer in the Christian tradition, is on Tuesday 15th January (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 evening will be *'Ave of God.'*
www.bestillchichester.com/

An Illuminating Cathedral Tour: John Flaxman (1755-1826) - Sculptor, Illustrator, Designer. Friday 25th January or Saturday 2nd February 10.30am – 12noon, led by Chichester Cathedral guides. Discover the story of Flaxman's life,

explore the memorials he created and the people they commemorate. This tour will start with coffee in the Alexandra Room. The Alexandra Room is accessed through the Cloisters Café. Advance booking essential. Tickets £7.50, available from www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or from Chichester Box Office, The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester on 01243 775888. Includes coffee and biscuits.

Wedding Reception Open Day at the Cathedral. Sunday 27th January. 10am - 4.30pm. If you are looking for a reception venue with elegance, character and ambience, this event is not to be missed. Chichester Cathedral has a choice of stunning historical venues set within the Cathedral precincts where you can celebrate your wedding reception in unique surroundings. From the beautifully restored Georgian Guest House to the Medieval Vicars' Hall there is somewhere to suit all styles. For further information call 01243 813586. Free Entry.

Cathedral Residential Retreat: 12th – 14th March. Retreat conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Edward Dowler, at Worth Abbey Open Cloister Retreat Centre in Crawley. Full cost of retreat and accommodation is £165. (Special *Early Bird Rate* of £155 if paid by 31st January). Closing date for application and payment is Thursday 21st February. Application forms available first week in January from the Cathedral Reception: reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 782595

Star of Bethlehem: A spectacular laser Star of Bethlehem will be suspended above the Arundel Screen until Sunday 3rd February, created by coding artist Jayson Haebich.

Stay in 4 Canon Lane: 25% discount on all accommodation at 4 Canon Lane until 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...

‘IHS A Way of Living’ is a project that ends up as a Rule of Life. It is your plan for how you live as a Christian. Like a diet or a fitness plan, it has to be suited to your needs and situation. Its outcome is a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and with God who made us and loves us. A free Resource Booklet for use by individuals and groups will be available in the Cathedral in the New Year and we encourage you to have a look at it and consider whether and how you might want to use the suggestions there in your life. We are planning an event around Pentecost for those interested in exploring this together. More details later.

New Format Friends’ Monthly Coffee Morning: The first catch-up of the year for Chichester Cathedral Friends will take place in the Cathedral’s South Transept on Saturday 2nd February 10-11.30am. Free coffee and a biscuit, with donations welcome. Open to all – do bring a friend!

Art Views @ Chichester Cathedral: Thursday 7th February 1.30pm – 3.30pm. An opportunity to look at and discuss a selected work of art in Chichester Cathedral. Share your thoughts and enjoy hearing other people’s responses, with a facilitator from Pallant House Gallery. There are no right answers; all thoughts and ideas make a valuable contribution to the discussion. This session is open to anyone interested in joining the art discussion and is also dementia friendly. Followed by tea and cake in the Eastern Arm. Cost £3.50 per person. Booking is essential. Please contact Sue Poil sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Farewell Gift for Anthony Cane: We will be making our farewells and saying thank you to Anthony for all he has given to the life of the Cathedral on Sunday 10th February. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please give your donations to the vergers or to Carolyn in Reception.

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 Cathedral 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. A round trip ticket costs £10. Book yours at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends or purchase from the Cathedral shop.

Visiting the Cathedral Library: From February the Cathedral Library will be open to members of the public on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am till 12 noon and the fourth Friday of each month from 2pm till 4pm (e.g. 5th and 22nd February, 5th and 22nd March). During these times library volunteers will be available to answer questions. A small number of books of particular interest will be out on display. These times are in addition to the Cathedral 'Behind the Scenes' Days. All will be most welcome. The library can be found in the north quire aisle entering via the Treasury, and then up a stone, 40 step, spiral staircase. If you have any questions contact the sub-librarians Diana Wills or Richard Hance on 01243 813587 or library@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

An Illuminating Cathedral Tour: Memorials in Metal. Friday 15th or Monday 25th February 10.30am – 12noon, led by Chichester Cathedral guides. Early Christian gravestones were flat, coped or headstones. Three dimensional effigies as part of a memorial tomb made their first appearance in England in the 13th century. Often these became badly worn, damaged or vandalised and they took up a lot of space. As a result of this, brasses (flat, easier to transport and more durable) became popular. The brass plates came from the continent and Schools of Engravers were set up in this country. On this tour you will see early gravestones, damaged 3D effigies and indents where once there were brasses. You will learn how they were made and who and what they depicted. At the end of the tour there will be an opportunity to rub a replica brass (£3.00 charge). This tour will start with coffee in the Alexandra Room. The Alexandra Room is accessed through the Cloisters Café. Advance booking essential. Tickets £7.50, available from www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or from Chichester Box Office, The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester on 01243 775888. Includes coffee and biscuits.

Date for your diary: Our next Family Activity Day entitled 'Wonderful Water' will be held on Friday 22nd February. Create your own marvellous water themed crafts and follow the clues on the Cathedral trail before collecting your prize . Further details to follow.

Lent Course: We will be using the Diocesan Lent Course again this year, entitled 'Living Christ'. We envisage running up to three weekly sessions over five weeks, hopefully at times which will suit most people. Details and dates will be confirmed very soon. You can already download the 'Way of Living' and The Lent Course

booklets from the Diocesan Website along with details of many other Diocesan events planned for this year. Go to www.chichester.anglican.org/yov2019/

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 they will get a lot out of the open day. Talk to Charles Harrison 01243 812486 organist@chichestercathedral.org.uk

And on a different note...

NATIONAL POLITICS: We recommend this prayer to all at this present time:

God of reconciling hope, as you guided your people in the past, guide us through the turmoil of the present time, and bring us to that place of flourishing where our unity can be restored, the common good served and all shall be made well. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CHICHESTER FOODBANK: As you will have read in the press, there is a substantial rise in those needing our service at the moment. Although local churches are very generous, we are already beginning to run short of: tinned* rice pudding; long life milk; deodorant; soap and flannels; tinned* fruit and vegetables. The Cathedral is always generous and has supported the foodbank since it began and I ask you to continue in this. Thank you very much, it is really appreciated. *(Marguerite Saffery.)*

**With ring pulls, please*

RIBBON REQUEST: Over Christmas you may have had presents adorned with fabric ribbon. If you would like to pass them on the Learning and Engagement team would love to have them for their Family Activities resources. Please leave with Carolyn in Reception. Many thanks. *(Luna Russell)*

The External Giving Committee

The External Giving Committee met and allocated the Cathedral's 2018/19 charitable giving as noted below:-

Needs Home

£1,000	Sanctuary in Chichester
£1,000	Dementia Support
Crib Services	Sussex Snowdrop Trust
£1,000	Stonepillow
£1,000	UK Harvest
Remembrance Service	Royal British Legion

Church Home

£750	Foodbank
£750	Chichester Anna Chaplaincy
£2,000	Diocesan Family Support Work

Needs Overseas

£500	End Polio
£1,000	Zane

Church Overseas

Midnight Mass	Christian Aid
£2,000	USPG
£1,000	Mission to Seafarers

We are sorry that a mistake in the Cathedral's latest accounts (2017-18) meant that the list of charitable beneficiaries did not list the donations of £1,500 that were made in that year to United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG) and the Diocesan African Link.

Chichester Cathedral Chapter Summary – December 2018

Chapter was briefed on the position and financial performance of its Property portfolio, noting high levels of occupancy which might not always be sustained, and the successful letting of the new flats in 1 St Richard's Walk. The Property Committee had advised that the commercial properties on South Street remained attractive, despite the difficult trading circumstances for retailers. It also looked forward to the trialling of holiday lettings in a couple of the Cathedral's properties.

The Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer, Morag Keane of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, joined Chapter to brief it on the progress of work to improve the Cathedral's safeguarding provision. This included a large project of training for volunteers. Chapter agreed updates to the Cathedral's Safeguarding Policy which would be placed on the website.

Chapter received a briefing from its accounting advisors Sheen Stickland, which confirmed funding options for planned work to the Treasury building in 2019.

Dr Katherine Prior agreed to chair the new Cathedral Fundraising Group, which will help all of those involved in fundraising to support each other better. The new group's terms of reference were also agreed.

It was agreed to progress the first phase of a project which would ultimately revise the Cathedral's lighting, developing the brief with cathedral lighting specialist Bruce Kirk / Light Perceptions.

Chapter confirmed that it was very happy to support Stonepillow by hosting photography on the hoardings on the North side.

Chapter recorded its congratulations to the Chancellor on the news that he is to be the next Dean of Portsmouth.

*The copy deadline for the February issue is Sunday 20th January.
Please send your entries to Charlotte Rattray in the Liturgy and Music Department at
lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk Thank you.*