

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 HOLY COMMUNION

Service begins on **page 236** of the Prayer Book. Collect and readings for the Fourth Sunday in Advent are on **pp 52-54.**

10.00 MATTINS

Archer - Benedicite Responses: Leighton

Tavener - The Lamb

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Matthew 1: 18-end

Psalm: 123 Hymn: 18

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Schofield, Precentor

At the end of the Service: The Advent Prose

11.00 SUNG EUCHARIST

For full details of this Service please refer to the separate Order of Service. After the Sung Eucharist this morning, coffee and soft drinks will be served in the South Transept, to which all members of the congregation are warmly invited.

3.30 EVENSONG

Brewer in D Responses: Leighton

Carter - Mary's Magnificat

Isaiah 32: 1-8 Revelation 22: 6-end

Psalm: 144 Hymns: 3ii, 16 (omit v.3)

Organ Voluntary: Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn BWV 733

by IS Bach (1685 - 1750)

Notices

Service Times: Please note Evening Prayer between 26th – 31st December will be held at the earlier time of 3.30pm. The Cathedral will then close at 4pm on these dates, with regular hours and service times resuming on New Year's Day.

Cathedral Office Christmas Hours: The Cathedral Office will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open at 9am on Wednesday 2nd January. The vergers will be available during this time on: 01243 812498. Services and events are on the website: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

'It's Not All Black & White': a photographic display by Stonepillow.

Local charity Stonepillow will be using the Cathedral green this Christmas to raise awareness about homelessness. Nine display boards will tell the individual stories of nine different people who have experienced homelessness and received support from Stonepillow. The photographs are displayed on the hoardings situated on the Cathedral's north green.

Since 2010 the number of people sleeping rough in England has increased by 169%. In the South East the statistics are at a 261% increase since 2010. These statistics do not take into account the 'hidden homeless', those who are in temporary accommodation, sleeping on friends or family's sofas or in their cars. Chichester Cathedral is working in partnership with Stonepillow.

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.

Foodbank News: 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

Chichester Cathedral Friends would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped at, came along to and supported the Friends' Christmas Fair which was held at Vicars Hall on Saturday 8th December. It proved to be a big success and

raised many a Christmas smile. It also raised the handsome sum of £1,800 which is a record by some way. Thanks so much again and we hope to see you at the 2019 Christmas Fair! (Howard Castle-Smith)

Spring Lunchtime Concert Series: Our wonderful series of free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral nave recommences on Tuesday 15th January with Duo Dolcissimo! Fiona Jones and Sophie Aynsley on oboe and piano will treat us to a programme that includes Schumann, Saint-Saëns, Morricone and Dring. For full details: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts

Cathedral Residential Retreat: 12th – 14th March 2019. 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, t. 01243 782595 or reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like more information about the life of the Cathedral or membership of the Cathedral Roll please give your name and address to a steward or ring the Cathedral office during office hours on 01243 782595. Visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk for service information and to read recently published sermons. Cathedral's Twitter account: @ChiCathedral

Pastoral Care: If anyone has a pastoral concern and would like to speak to someone, please make contact with the Precentor (813589).

Services, Events and Prayer Calendar

In residence: The Dean

Monday 24th December 7.30am Mattins (said)

CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00am Holy Communion - Order 1 (Chapel of St Mary Magdalene)

2.30pm Crib Service 1 4.00pm Crib Service 2 5.30pm Evensong

11.00pm Midnight Eucharist

Tuesday 25th December 8.00am Holy Communion (High Altar)

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00am Mattins

11.00am Sung Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesday 26th December 8.30am Mattins (said)

Stephen, deacon, first martyr 9.00am Holy Communion - Order 1 (Chapel of St George)

1.10pm Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

3.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Thursday 27th December 7.30am Mattins (said)

John, Apostle and Evangelist 8.00am Holy Communion - Order 1 (Shrine of St Richard)

10.30am Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

3.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Friday 28th December 7.30am Mattins (said)

The Holy Innocents 8.00am Holy Communion Order 1 (Chapel of St Thomas

and St Edmund)

3.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Saturday 29th December 8.00am Mattins (said)

Thomas Becket, archbishop, 12.00pm Holy Communion Order 1 (Lady Chapel)

martyr, 1170 1.30pm Wedding

3.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Sunday 30th December 8.00am Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

FIRST SUNDAY
10.00am Mattins with congregational music
OF CHRISTMAS
11.00am Sung Eucharist with congregational music

3.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

The readings at the Sung Eucharist next week

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Resp. Psalm: 148: 1-6, 13-14

Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-end