

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00 HOLY COMMUNION

Service begins on **page 236** of the Prayer Book. Collect and readings for the Sunday After Christmas are on **pp 61-63**.

10.00 MATTINS with congregational music

Isaiah 61: 1-7

Galatians 3: 27 - 4: 7

Psalms: 105: 1-11

Hymns: 28 (omit v.3), 25

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Alison Green, University Chaplain

Organ Voluntary: Puer natus in Bethlehem BWV 603

by JS Bach (1685 - 1750)

11.00 SUNG EUCHARIST with congregational music

For full details of this Service please refer to the separate Order of Service.

After the Sung Eucharist this morning, wine, coffee and soft drinks will be served in the South Transept, to which all members of the congregation are warmly invited.

3.30 EVENING PRAYER (said)

Psalms: 132

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*

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.

The Epiphany Procession Service takes place Sunday 13th January at 6pm.

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

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 *'Awe of God.'*

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, tel. 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

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

These Cathedral Notes were prepared in advance, due to staff holidays. We are back to normal next week! Please send your entries to Charlotte Rattray at lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Services, Events and Prayer Calendar

In residence: The Chancellor

Monday 31st December

John Wyclif, reformer, 1384

7.30am *Mattins (said)*
 8.00am *Holy Communion - Order 1 (Chapel of St Mary Magdalene)*
 3.30pm *Evening Prayer (said)*
 The Octagon Parishes (Compton, Up Marden, East Marden, North Marden, Racton, Stoughton, Forestside & Stansted) Lindsay Yates, priest in charge. Compton and Up Marden CEP School: Claire Inskip, head teacher; Sarah Hutchinson, chair of governors

Tuesday 1st January

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

8.30am *Mattins (said)*
 9.00am *Holy Communion - Order 1 (Chapel of St John Baptist)*
 5.30pm *Evening Prayer (said)*
 Westbourne: Andrew Doye, I;

Wednesday 2nd January

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 & 389

7.30am *Mattins (said)*
 8.00am *Holy Communion - Order 1 (Chapel of St George)*
 1.10pm *Healing Eucharist (Lady Chapel)*
 5.30pm *Evening Prayer (said)*
 The Rural Deanery of Worthing: Helena Buqué, rural dean; Janine Hobbs, deanery lay chair. Davison CE High School for Girls: Chris Keating, head teacher. St Andrew's CE High School for Boys: Louise Welcome, head teacher; Clive Purser, chair of governors

Thursday 3rd January

7.30am *Mattins (said)*
 8.00am *Holy Communion - Order 1 (Shrine of St Richard)*
 10.30am *Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)*
 5.30pm *Evening Prayer (said)*
 Broadwater: Gaz Daly, team rector; Steve Collier associate vicar; Gary Neal, team vicar (St Stephen's); Queen Street Church, vacant. Broadwater CEP School: Jez Wong, head teacher; Elizabeth Crockett, chair of governors

Friday 4th January

7.30am *Mattins (said)*
 8.00am *Holy Communion Order 1 (Chapel of St Thomas and St Edmund)*
 5.30pm *Evening Prayer (said)*
 Durrington, St Symphorian: Ben Eadon priest in charge

Services this weekend are sung by the Choir of St Michael's, Bassett, Southampton

Saturday 5th January

8.00am *Mattins (said)*
 12.00pm *Holy Communion Order 1 (Lady Chapel)*
 5.30pm *Evensong*
 Ferring, St Andrew: Gary Ingram, incumbent; Jill Simpson, associate curate. Ferring CEP School: Gillian Silk, head teacher; Sue Pratt, chair of governors

Sunday 6th January

EPIPHANY

8.00am *Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)*
 10.00am *Mattins*
 11.00am *Sung Eucharist*
 3.30pm *Evensong*

The readings at the Sung Eucharist next week

Isaiah 60: 1-6
 Ephesians 3: 1-12

Psalm: 72: 10-15
 Matthew 2: 1-12