

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

MARCH 2019

World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer). The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. The service in Chichester will take place on Friday 1st March at St Pancras Church, Eastgate Square, Chichester at 2pm. Soup will be served from 1pm. All are welcome. Further information from Diann Berry 01243 786254.

'Ex Voto' - A Photographic Exhibition by Alys Tomlinson. Friday 1st March - Monday 22nd April, North Transept. Alys Tomlinson is an award-winning editorial and fine art photographer based in London. Named Sony World Photographer of the Year 2018, her work has been exhibited in the UK, France, Ireland and the USA. The 'Ex Voto' exhibition is a study of offerings of religious devotion found at Christian pilgrimage sites across the world. Known as 'Ex Voto' these offerings can take many forms - a handwritten note neatly folded and hidden in a crevice, crosses etched onto stone or ribbon carefully wrapped and piles of twigs. The photographs have been taken at the pilgrimage sites of Lourdes, France, Ballyvourney, Ireland and Grabarka, Poland. Free entry.

Friends' Monthly Coffee Morning: Find us in the South Transept on Saturday 2nd March 10-11.30am. Free coffee and a biscuit, with donations welcome. Open to all – do bring a friend!

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

Chichester ACE Study Day: Saturday 2nd March 9am - 5pm. Conversations between Ancient and Modern. This symposium will look at ways in which modern art and architecture can engage with ancient buildings and traditions. At the Bishop's Palace, Chichester. Tickets from www.artandchristianity.org/v-c

Spring Lunchtime Concert Series: Our wonderful series of free lunchtime concerts in the Nave continues in March with pianist Yenting Wang (5th), organist Tomek Pieczora (12th), and Jane Booth and John Irving on Clarinet and Fortepiano* (19th). (*This instrument is an early type of piano, which John is bringing with him on the day.) For full details please see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts

Be Still: The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, exploring silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesdays 5th and 19th March (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 *'Repent and turn back to God' Romans 2: 4; Ezekiel 33: 11' (5th) and 'Longing to please God' 1 Thess 4: 8-11 (19th).*

Cathedral Library: The Cathedral Library is 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 March et cetera). 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)

A reminder that Lent starts on Wednesday 6th March, this year. Do join us for our Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist Service with the imposition of ashes at 5.30pm.

Bach's Cantata 'Jesus nahm zu sich die Zwölfe' (BWV22) will be performed in the Cathedral on Sunday 10th March as part of a special Lenten Evening Prayer at 3.30pm. This choral work - directed by Charles Harrison, performed by the Cathedral Choir and the University of Chichester Chamber Orchestra - recounts

how Jesus predicts his suffering in Jerusalem and calls his disciples, then and now, to follow him on the way of the cross that they might also share his resurrection. No tickets are needed. All welcome.

In Conversation: ‘Muslims and Christians working together for the common good.’ Thursday 14th March, 6.30pm - 8pm, Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane. Join Suleman Nagdi MBE in conversation with The Bishop of Lewes, Revd Andrew Wingate and Revd Godfrey Kesari. Suleman Nagdi MBE, Deputy Lieutenant of Leicestershire (DL) and ex-Justice of the Peace has been a resident of Leicestershire for over 36 years. For much of this time he has devoted his work to community cohesion, as a volunteer and community advocate. Suleman is a pioneer and a leader who inspires all around him - his ability to bond diverse communities here and abroad has received wide recognition. There will be the opportunity for audience members to ask questions of the speaker during this event. The event is free to enter but it is essential to book a seat in advance via the Chichester Box Office at The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester. www.chichestercathedral.org.uk 01243 775888

Would you like to attend Anthony’s installation (16th March)? There are now very few places left on the 2nd coach. We will have to leave from Chichester Cathedral *prompt* at 2.30pm (the coaches are not allowed to wait in West Street) and will have to leave 6.20pm *prompt* from Portsmouth Cathedral after the Reception. A round trip ticket costs £10. For details and tickets visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends or purchase directly from the Cathedral shop. (*Marianne Lecompte*)

‘St John of the Cross’: a study day with Dr Roy Norton, of Oxford University. Saturday 16th March, 10.30am - 3pm at Vicar’s Hall, Chichester Cathedral. During the day we will look at the life and spirituality of the Spanish mystic, St John of the Cross, in particular exploring

- (1) St John’s teaching on prayer, the stages along the path to what he calls “perfection”;
- (2) St John’s wonderful poems, through which he attempted to express the ineffable – his experience of God; and
- (3) (3) St John’s life, including his relationship with St Teresa of Avila.

Dr Roy Norton is a lecturer at Oxford University, specialising in the literature and religious culture of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Spain. Cost is £10 for the

day. Lunch will not be provided so you may like to bring a packed lunch. For further information and to reserve a place contact David Browning at bestillchichester@btinternet.com 01243 839922 or visit www.bestillchichester.com The day is organised by 'Be Still' a contemplative prayer group based in Chichester that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition

Cathedral Fellowship Meeting: Rachel Moriarty will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Cathedral Fellowship on Monday 18th March when she will give a talk entitled 'Pilgrimage to Chichester: Honouring St Richard and Saving Souls'. Come and join us at 2.30pm, in 4 Canon Lane. A donation of £1 is kindly requested. For further information please contact Michael Cox 1michaelcox@gmail.com Everyone is invited!

The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 26th March from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by Elaine Waddington, Spiritual accompanier. Our theme for 2019 is '*Inspiring Joy*' and her title is: '*Imagining our Way to Joy*'. For further details please contact Jane Bingeman 01243 776223.

United Methodist Choir: These musical visitors from the US are giving a free informal concert in the Cathedral nave on Tuesday 26th March at 1.10pm. The concert is entitled 'Enter the Journey' and will comprise of American spirituals and folk hymns. Singers represent their faith communities from many parts of the US from the Pacific Northwest to Florida, Texas, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Connecticut! They come bringing a message of peace, faith and hope.

An Illuminating Cathedral Tour: Religious Art from the 12th Century to the Present Day, Friday 29th March or Saturday 6th April 10.30am – 12 noon, led by Chichester Cathedral guides. This tour will explore the wide variety of media used in selected pieces of Chichester Cathedral's extensive religious art works. Starting 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.

Sunday 31st March: Enjoy Mothering Sunday lunch at 4 Canon Lane. Three courses with coffee £25. Book now 01243 813585 events@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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...

Family Activities: 'Birds and Bugs.' Tuesday 9th April 10am - 3pm (last entry 2.30pm.) A fun-filled family day at Chichester Cathedral. Get creative with birds and bugs craft activities, follow a birds and bugs trail and collect a prize when you finish. Our Family Activity days are popular with parents, grandparents and carers looking for a place where everyone can come together and be creative.

Children choose the trail that fits their age and ability to find different places and objects within the Cathedral before collecting a prize at the end. The craft element of the day gives everyone the opportunity to get creative and make something special to take home. If you're not a crafty adult don't worry, there are lots of helpers on hand to get you started and offer support during your visit. No need to book, just drop in. Toddlers' toy area. For children aged 3 - 11, accompanied by an adult. £1.50 child's meal offer with voucher - available on the day. For more information and to sign up to the Family Activities newsletter email: luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk or call 01243 812986.

Upcoming Concert: I would like to give advance notice of a lovely concert coming up on the evening of Saturday 13th April in the Lady Chapel at 7pm. Sansara is an outstanding, award-winning chamber choir of young professional singers who specialise in *a cappella* singing. They were founded five years ago and are rapidly gaining a reputation for captivating performances across a wide repertoire of old and new choral music. They are becoming well recognised in Oxford, London and Winchester, and this will be their first concert in Chichester. Please help make them feel welcome and well supported.

Peter Phillips (founder and director of The Tallis Scholars) is Sansara's artistic patron and David Hurley (of The King's Singers fame) is the chairman of the board of trustees. Please do put the date in your diaries. You can find out more on the website sansarachoir.com, through which tickets will be available, but if you would like to know more details, please ring me on 01243 533236. (*Fiona Bell.*)

And on a different note...

THE CATHEDRAL ROLL: The Cathedral Roll is in the process of being renewed. Being a member of the Cathedral Roll is one of the ways in which regular worshippers at the Cathedral can be identified as being committed to the Cathedral and gives the opportunity to be involved in electing and being a candidate for the Cathedral Community Committee or Deanery Synod. It is also very important as one of the ways in which the Cathedral can keep in touch with you if you give your permission. Please note that if you are on the Roll already you will need to reapply for inclusion in the new Roll. New members are very welcome. Application forms are available in the Cathedral and Cathedral Office. Closing date for application: Tuesday 12th March 2019.

COULD YOU JOIN THE CATHEDRAL'S COMMUNITY COMMITTEE?

Nominations are now sought for election to the Cathedral Community Committee – Closing Date Thursday 28th March. The role of the Cathedral's Community Committee is to consult and advise on any matter that affects the Cathedral Community. Recent interests have been the new Cathedral Website, the opening up of Paradise, restructuring at Cathedral Enterprises, the Cathedral's finances, and the Lent Course 2019.

The Committee meets quarterly. As well as nominations for elections we shall be looking for a new secretary from the first meeting, due in June. This post could either be one of the elected members or co-opted. Nomination forms are available from a steward or verger, or from the Cathedral Reception. (*Richard Ashby, Chair. 01243 372234*)

NEW CHAIR OF SANCTUARY SOUGHT: 'Sanctuary in Chichester' was set up in 2016 to make Chichester and the surrounding area a welcoming place for asylum seekers and refugees. We have a network of volunteers and organise a wide range of activities including a drop-in session, language tuition, a football team, fund-raising activities and ongoing support to families and young people. We support the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. We have an established committee who lead on individual areas of work. Read more at <https://sanctuaryinchichester.org/>
We seek a Chair who is able to co-ordinate and promote our response to new opportunities, to help consolidate the activities we are currently delivering and to work effectively with other local partners. We anticipate receiving charity status

later this year and the chair would then need to act as Chair of the Trustees. This is a voluntary post. If you are interested in applying or would like to discuss the post further we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact su.leeming@btinternet.com by 31st March.

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.

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.

The copy deadline for the April Notes is Sunday 17th March.

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

IHS - A Way of Living

A day for those wishing to explore more deeply what this means for them.

Saturday 4th May 2019

The Sherborne Room, Bishop's Palace, Chichester

Bishop Martin writes: 'The first Christians were known as the followers of the way – and it's the way we live our Christian lives that's absolutely crucial – not least in drawing others to the faith.'

'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.'

'This resource invites you to use four seasons of the Christian year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter), and the time that follows Pentecost Sunday, to guide how you feel God is asking you to live your life as a Christian. It will help you put in place some regular habits – your own rules – for doing that.'

The Cathedral Community Committee is offering you an opportunity to explore more deeply how you might like to use the project in your own life. This day is for those who may well want to find a more systematic way of applying their faith to their daily lives of prayer, worship, community and mission. The 'Way of Living' day will help you tailor the suggestions into something which is right for you.

The day will consist of short addresses with plenty of time for discussion, much on a one to one basis or in small groups. There will be time for reflection and prayer and an opportunity to share your thought with others on the same journey.

Copies of the IHS Way of Living booklet are on the Information Desk and at the back of the Cathedral. You can also download the booklet and other information about the Year of Vocation from the Diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org/yov2019/

There will be a limited number of places so please register your interest now by e-mailing toni.hayes@nhs.net Full details of the day will be sent to you nearer the time. For further information please phone Richard Ashby on 01243 372234