

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## FEBRUARY 2019

**Friends' Coffee Mornings:** Starting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (10 - 11.30am), for a trial period of three months, the Monthly Friends' Coffee Morning will be held in the **South Transept** of the Cathedral. This change is part of an initiative by the Friends to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral by extending a welcome and hospitality to anyone who happens to be visiting the Cathedral on the morning of the first Saturday in every month. We hope that our regular attendees will continue to meet for a coffee, biscuit and chat and invite visitors to drop in and join them. There will be no charge, but donations will be welcomed.

**An Illuminating Cathedral Tour: John Flaxman (1755-1826). Sculptor, Illustrator, Designer.** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 from [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk) or from Chichester Box Office, The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester on 01243 775888. Includes coffee and biscuits.

**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. 5<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:library@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Be Still:** The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, exploring silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February (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 *'The Lord knows our thoughts. Psalm 34: 15, 17-20; Isaiah 58: 9.'* (5<sup>th</sup>) and *'Our delight in the Law of God. 1 Thessalonians 2: 12'* (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Spring Lunchtime Concert Series:** Our wonderful series of free lunchtime concerts in the Nave continues Tuesdays in February with Christ's Hospital School (5<sup>th</sup>), an organ recital from our very own Charles Harrison (12<sup>th</sup>), Duo Fantasia on saxophone and piano (19<sup>th</sup>), and the Plaegan Piano Trio (26<sup>th</sup>). More details [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts)

**Art Views @ Chichester Cathedral:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**'Night Cathedral'** takes place in the Cathedral on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. This event developed in partnership with the University of Chichester, is designed to increase access to the Cathedral for the University's student and staff community through an evening of song, dance, poetry, art and exploration. This event is open to University of Chichester students and staff only. If you would like to find out more please contact the Learning and Engagement department.

**Farewell to 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 10<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please give your donations to the vergers or to Carolyn in Reception. There is a card in Reception to sign.

### **Would you like to attend Anthony's installation?**

Due to demand Chichester Cathedral Friends' have ordered a second coach to take us to the Installation of Canon Dr Anthony Cane as Dean of Portsmouth on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. A round trip ticket costs £10. We will leave from Chichester Cathedral at 2.30pm promptly and return from Portsmouth Cathedral at

6pm. Book your ticket now at [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends) or purchase yours directly from the Cathedral shop.

**The Sixteen** perform Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610* in the Cathedral on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. A few tickets remain. Come and listen to one of the most magnificent pieces of the classical repertoire, famed for its thrilling rhythms, grand choruses and beautiful solo movements! Tickets from <https://thesixteen.com/>

**An Illuminating Cathedral Tour: Memorials in Metal.** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February or Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am - 12noon, led by Chichester Cathedral guides. Stone monuments to memorials in metal: the story of some of Chichester Cathedral's monuments. At the end of the tour there will be an opportunity to rub a replica brass (£3 charge). The 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](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk) or from Chichester Box Office, The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester on 01243 775888. Includes coffee and biscuits.

**'The Unexpected'** is the subject for discussion at the February meeting of the Cathedral Fellowship on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February. We all meet something totally unexpected in our lives from time to time - so why not share your experience with the group? Come and join the Cathedral Fellowship at 2.30pm, in 4 Canon Lane. A donation of £1 is kindly requested. For further information please contact Michael Cox [1michaelcox@gmail.com](mailto:1michaelcox@gmail.com) Everyone is invited!

**St Paul's and City of Chichester Mothers' Union** will meet on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Many of us will join the 10am Eucharist first, before our meeting at 11am when the Revd Paul Matthews will tell us about his career. For more information please contact Janet Watson 01243 788525, or Heather Hyde 01243 785633. Diocesan information can be found at [www.chichestermu.org](http://www.chichestermu.org). Read the Mothers' Union magazine *Families First* at [www.muenterprises.org/familiesfirst](http://www.muenterprises.org/familiesfirst)

**Family Activities: 'Wonderful Water.'** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am - 3pm (last entry 2.30pm.) A fun-filled family day at Chichester Cathedral. Design and make creative crafts. Follow the Wonderful Water trail - with prize! Ages 3 - 11 years, accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just drop-in. Toddlers' toy area. £1.50 child's meal offer with voucher available on the day. For further details contact Luna on 01243 812986 or [luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Bernstein and the Chichester Psalms:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 - 12.00 noon. Following the 2018 centenary celebrations of the life of Leonard Bernstein, a talk by Alan Bradford, Cathedral Guide, into the background to the commissioning of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* by Dean Walter Hussey for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals Festival. In the Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane. Tickets £7.50 bookable in advance. Tea and coffee and biscuits provided. Tickets available from [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/) or from Chichester Box Office at The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester on (01243) 775888 [www.thenovium.org/boxoffice](http://www.thenovium.org/boxoffice).

**Stay in 4 Canon Lane:** 25% discount on all accommodation at 4 Canon Lane until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. For reservations please call 01243 813585, email [bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk) or visit [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)

### *Looking ahead to future months...*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Do you know a boy who loves to sing?** The Chorister Open Day 2019 will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:organist@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**ACE Study Day:** 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](http://www.artandchristianity.org/v-c)

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

**Would you consider taking 2 days out of your busy lives and spending time with God during Lent?** If so, we invite you to join the Cathedral Silent Residential Retreat which is being held at Worth Abbey from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

This retreat will be led by Archdeacon Edward Dowler and the theme is 'Music for Lent and Holy Week'. For further information please contact the Cathedral Reception tel. 01243 782595 email [reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**The Cathedral Lent Course** this year is titled 'Living Christ' and is the Diocesan Lent Course for the Year of Vocation. We will seek to explore what does it mean for us to discover 'life in all its fullness' (John 10.10) – to hear and respond to the call of God in our lives? In the Lent Course we encounter Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus, and invite participants in the course to ponder how they are living out and responding to the call of Christ.

With video contributions from a farmer, an artist, a mental-health campaigner, a carer and many others, the course consists of five sessions exploring:

- ◆ our life's work;
- ◆ family, friendship and community;
- ◆ a good childhood;
- ◆ health and vulnerability; and
- ◆ how we draw close to Christ at the end of our lives.

The course will be held in three groups, Monday morning, Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Sessions start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Further details and a booking form will be in the weekly notes from mid-February onwards.

**Bach's Cantata 'Jesus nahm zu sich die Zwölfe'** (BWV22) will be performed in the Cathedral on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Enjoy Mothering Sunday lunch at 4 Canon Lane. Three courses with coffee £25.00 per person. To book call 01243 813585 or email [events@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:events@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Upcoming Concert:** I would like to give advance notice of a lovely concert coming up on the evening of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.*)

## *IHS - A Way of Living*

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

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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](mailto: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

*And on a different note...*

**BIBLE STUDY:** Our well established Bible Study Group has space for a couple of new members. We meet on the second Friday of every month in Deborah Hennessy's home from 10am - 12 midday. This year we are doing a twelve-part study of the Psalms. If you would like to join the group please contact Deborah at [deb.hennessy@btinternet.com](mailto:deb.hennessy@btinternet.com)

**CHICHESTER ANNA CHAPLAINCY** (Charity No.1172508): During 2018 our Anna Friends (volunteer befrienders to the elderly) made 2,133 visits to 277 older people primarily in the Care Homes in Chichester; with a few visits to people who were home-bound. This is a wonderful achievement in our first full year of this citywide ecumenical ministry. We are now looking to extend our work and are seeking two new Trustees to join our Board: one with management and community health and social care experience, and, one with experience in fundraising. For further information please email David Cooke, our co-ordinator, on [chichester.anna.chaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:chichester.anna.chaplaincy@gmail.com)

**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](http://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 March Notes is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

*Please send your text to Charlotte Rattray at [lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk) Thank you.*