

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## MAY 2019

**Tickets for the Southern Cathedrals Festival (18 - 21 July 2019)** go on sale to the public on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April! The festival will showcase the combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester, with a range of stunning choral services and concerts, including Choral Evensong, recorded by BBC Radio 3 and a performance of JS Bach's *St John Passion*. Festival brochures are available at the back of the Cathedral, and include details of online booking. Tickets are also being sold in the Cathedral Shop.

**Cathedral Peregrines' Nest Watch:** Every year a pair of peregrine falcons raise new chicks in the Cathedral's spire. A series of Open Days will be held to give visitors the opportunity to observe the peregrines through a telescope, watch the live webcam footage of the nesting site from the café, and learn more about the birds and their activities. Dates this month are 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May; 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May. Please note: All Open Days are weather permitting!

**Next Friends' Monthly Coffee Morning:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 10am, South Transept. The Friends support and are engaged in all aspects of the Cathedral's mission and ministry. Whatever your interest - fantastic music, fabulous art, amazing buildings and architecture, great hospitality and fellowship, thought provoking talks and discussions, prayerful worship...the Friends help to make it happen. Non-members also welcome. Free coffee and biscuits, donations welcome.

**The Cathedral Library:** Open to all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12 noon, and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2pm - 4pm. On display, books of particular interest. Library volunteers available to answer questions. You'll find the library by entering the Treasury and then climbing a stone spiral staircase - 40 steps! (*Sub-librarians Diana Wills and Richard Hance 01243 813587 [library@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:library@chichestercathedral.org.uk)*)

**Be Still:** The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May (7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing 8.45pm) in 4 Canon Lane. The guiding theme for this year is the Rule of St Benedict. The evenings will focus on Humility - Psalm 35: 2, Luke 14: 11, 18: 14 (7<sup>th</sup>); and Honesty - 1 Peter: 11 (21<sup>st</sup> May).

**‘Spirituality and Music’** – A day led by the Revd Canon Tim Schofield, Precentor. Venue: Vicars’ Hall, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1EH. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am - 3pm. (Gather from 10am for coffee). Open to all. Cost £10. Lunch not provided, so bring packed lunch. The day is organised by *Be Still*, the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group. For further details and to reserve your place, please contact David Browning 01243 839922  
bestillchichester@btinternet.com www.bestillchichester.com

**An Illuminating Cathedral Tour: A Cathedral Celebration in Poetry and Prose.** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – 12 noon, led by Chichester Cathedral guides. 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.

**Fernhurst Choral Society** will perform Joseph Haydn’s oratorio *The Creation* on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. The concert will be conducted by Tim Ravalde, our Assistant Organist, and the FCS will be accompanied by Downland Sinfonia and three exciting young soloists. Tickets: £18; (£9 under-14s/NUS students) available from 1) <http://fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk/concerts/> 2) Chichester Tourist Information Centre, 3) Ackerman Music (42 West Street, Chichester), 4) The Fernhurst Choral Society Treasurer (01428 654893) or 5) on the door.

**Cathedral Fellowship:** Our next meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May when we are going to have an open discussion on the subject of coincidences. ‘*What a coincidence!*’ we often say when we meet friends or new acquaintance and start talking with each other. Coincidences can span years and continents. I hope you can share some of your coincidences and see what previously unknown coincidences can come to light at our meeting. Please 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](mailto:1michaelcox@gmail.com) Everyone is invited!

**The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne** invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter’s Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by Marion Syms, Spirituality Networker. Our theme for 2019 is ‘*Inspiring Joy*’ and her title is: ‘*Black bird singing in the dead of night*’. For further details please contact Jane Bingeman 01243 776223.

*Looking ahead to future months...*

**Next Friends’ Monthly Coffee Morning:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 10am, South Transept. All welcome!

**Chichester Cathedral Friends 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. The Chichester Cathedral Friends extend a warm invitation to their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and AGM. The Friends are delighted to have contributed to the life and work of this special place for 80 years and have planned a special day to celebrate this milestone year. Everyone is welcome to attend; you don't need to be a member and you can bring a friend, so please come along! For non-members, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and find out more about the Friends and the support they give to the Cathedral. You will also find out about the many benefits that membership can bring, including the opportunity to join in a range of events and fun activities throughout the year. The Agenda is as follows:

- 11.30am – Communion Service in the Lady Chapel
- 12.30pm – Lunch at Vicars' Hall at which His Grace, the Duke of Richmond will say a few words
- 2pm – AGM in the Nave
- 2.45pm – Guest Speaker: The Very Reverend Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter
- 4pm – Tea at 4 Canon Lane

Tickets for the lunch are £20.00 per person and can be bought from the Cathedral shop or via the Cathedral website <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/chichester-cathedral-friends-80th-anniversary-celebration>

**Cathedral Peregrines' Nest Watch:** Open Days next month 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June; 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**Art Views @ Chichester Cathedral:** An opportunity to look at and discuss a selected work of art in Chichester Cathedral - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. 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 of the Cloisters. £3.50 per person. Booking is essential. Please contact Sue Poil on 01243 812497 or email [sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Open Air Theatre:** This summer *The Lord Chamberlain's Men* are celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and an amazing 425 years since the original company was created. To celebrate this special anniversary, they are touring one of Shakespeare's most popular and best-loved comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This magical and enchanting comedy will be performed on the south west lawn at Chichester Cathedral. Bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy the show! Tickets £16 from [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/midsummer-nights-dream-open-air-theatre](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/midsummer-nights-dream-open-air-theatre)

*And on a different note...*

**Residentiary Canon & Chancellor:** The Bishop of Chichester seeks to appoint a Residentiary Canon & Chancellor. Please see the Cathedral website for details of the position and an application form.

**Our City:** The Cathedral is proud to announce its involvement in the *Our City* scheme - a new initiative launching this month and designed to make Chichester a safer and more welcoming place for vulnerable adults including adults with learning difficulties. Look out for *Our City* stickers on notice boards around the Cathedral precinct that identify our membership of the scheme. People who feel vulnerable when they are in the city centre can apply to have an *Our City* card, which they can present at places belonging to the scheme and where they will receive a warm welcome and additional support should they need it. If you would like to find out more about *Our City* please contact Cynara in the Learning and Engagement team, [cynara.davies@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:cynara.davies@chichestercathedral.org.uk) or 812997.

**Are you enthusiastic about learning new things** and have the time to do so? Do you enjoy history, art, craft or drama activities? Do you enjoy being part of a team? Are you well organised with a friendly and helpful manner? We are currently looking to expand our team of Learning and Engagement Volunteers to work with visiting schools, colleges, adults and families. No previous experience is necessary as training will be given. If you are interested in finding out more and would like a copy of our Volunteer Role Profile please contact Sue, Schools and Adults Officer, on 01243 812497 or [sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Information:** Should any member of the Cathedral Community have a safeguarding concern affecting either a child, young person or adult at risk, they should speak to a member of the Cathedral's safeguarding team or the Safeguarding Officer. Contact details for each can be found on the Cathedral noticeboards and website.

We would also like to make you aware of two websites that provide excellent, comprehensive resources for all young people (and their parents): Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) and Kidscape [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk). There is also a smartphone app produced by Childline: For Me (*available for iPhones and Android phones*).

**The copy deadline for the June leaflet is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.** Please send entries to Charlotte Rattray at [lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk) Thank you.