

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

September 2018

Be Still: The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesday 4th and 18th September (7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing 8.45pm) in 4 Canon Lane. Under the overarching theme of '*Surrender to God in all*', the specific focus for the evenings will be '*Our Father*' (4th) and '*Union with God*' (18th).

Walter & Lenny cancellation notice: It is with deep regret that the Dean and Chapter announce that the Cathedral's performances of *Walter & Lenny* in Chichester on 5th - 8th September have been cancelled. All ticket holders will be contacted by Chichester Box Office and will be fully refunded without delay. We became aware of problems inherent in the plan to schedule four consecutive performances, and as a consequence it was thought prudent to cancel all performances. We sincerely apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience caused. Ticket holders requiring further information about refunds can also reach Chichester Box Office on: 01243 816 525.

The Friends' September Coffee Morning is on Friday 7th August, 10am - 12 noon, at 4 Canon Lane.

See behind the Scenes: Saturday 8th September, 1pm - 4pm. As part of Heritage Open Days areas of the Cathedral normally closed to the public will be open to visitors. Come and see the Cathedral Song School and Library which are both located high up in the Cathedral's triforium. (Forty spiral stairs to each - no disabled access.) Admission free.

Lunchtime Concerts: The Cathedral's popular series of lunchtime concerts restarts on Tuesday 11th September with award-winning concert pianist David Malusà. For details of all the performers and their programmes, please see the 'What's On' section of the Cathedral website.

Trouble in Tahiti is prized as the only work for which Leonard Bernstein wrote both the music and the libretto. The setting is 1950s America. The music brilliantly fuses opera and musical theatre as Sam and Dinah, in their little white house in the suburbs, long for love and intimacy amidst the American dream. Bernstein, notes the composer's biographer Humphrey Burton, was pushing forward into emotional territory that nobody in American musical theatre had previously dared to explore. *Trouble in Tahiti* is presented in the Assembly Room for one night only (Thursday 13th September) by the acclaimed Stage Left Project. Tickets are priced £15 from the Chichester Box Office or <http://bernsteinchichester.uk/whats-on/trouble-in-tahiti/>

A Week of Guided Prayer: Sunday 16th - Friday 21st September: This special week held in the Benefice of West Wittering, Birdham and Itchenor includes prayer guides, prayer walks (and maps!) in a beautiful part of Sussex. Spend two half-hours a day to enrich and deepen your prayer life. There will be refreshments and no registration fee. Contact Dr Susan Monks yarnallmonks@yahoo.co.uk for more information and see chichesterharbourchurches.org

The Cathedral Fellowship next meets on Monday 17th September, at 2.30pm in the Sherborne Room at the Bishop's Palace (by the kind permission of the Bishop of Chichester), where Canon David Nason will explain the history of the Palace and the room. We then move into the Chapel and David provides a short explanation and a ten-minute musical interlude on the Palace organ. Please note that we are limited to 40 places. Those intending to come should give their names to Michael Cox, either by email or in person on a Sunday morning at the Cathedral. For further information please contact Michael Cox 1michaelcox@gmail.com

Live Better Together: Friday 21st September - Tuesday 16th October. Help us think about what peace means in our own lives, in the local community and the wider world today. Starting on the International Day of Peace (Friday 21st September) we're hosting a range of related events include Candle Lighting and Peace Trail in the Cathedral, a Hot Topic Talk (see below), Print for Peace in Priory Park, Take Action for a Better World with local volunteer organisations, as well as an Interfaith Panel discussion of the question *'What are the root causes of conflict and violence, and how do we overcome them?'* For details and booking see the Cathedral website or leaflet at the back of the Cathedral or contact the Learning and Engagement Department booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812997

Hot Topic Talk: Reconciliation reimagined: Is forgiveness enough?

Friday 21st September, 10.30am -12pm, at 4 Canon Lane. The Reverend Canon

Sarah Hills, Canon for Reconciliation Ministry at Coventry Cathedral, will explore the roles of forgiveness and justice in the work of reconciliation, through the lens of the Coventry Community of the Cross of Nails. What do 'healing the wounds of history; learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity; and building a culture of peace' mean in practice today? The session will be introduced and chaired by the Cathedral Chancellor, the Reverend Canon Dr Anthony Cane. Tickets £7.50, refreshments included. Advance booking essential from Chichester Box Office, Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester 01243 816525 www.thenovium.org

Holy Play: Liturgy as Theatre. Saturday 22nd September, 10.30am – 4pm.

Venue: The Bishop's Palace, Chichester. This is a one-day conference to explore and reflect on the quality and drama of Christian worship. The aim is to offer new insights that revitalise inherited resources and expectations.

Course led by: Edward Kemp, Director of RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art). Canon Robin Ward, Principal of St Stephen's House, theological foundation Bishop Martin Warner, Chair and host of the conference

"Many audiences...have seen the face of the invisible through an experience on the stage that transcended their experience in life." This was an assessment of the impact of the theatre on our spiritual life by Peter Brook, one of the 20th century's leading writers on the theory of drama. His words challenge us, as Christians, to assess the extent to which the drama of the liturgy, in which we are all players, might reveal "the face of the invisible" for us and for those who encounter our worship for the first time.

Servers, musicians, churchwardens, sacristans and leaders of youth and children's work should expect to find that they feature in the exploration we shall be undertaking. For them, as for the clergy, it is hoped that the day will offer new insights that revitalise inherited resources and expectations.

Early booking is advisable: to do so visit www.holyplay.weebly.com or call Bradley Smith 07931 527724. The course is free, but participants are invited to make a donation towards the cost of lunch.

The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 25th September from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by Jane Russell, spiritual accompanier. Her title is 'Wow! God in ALL things.' For further details please contact Jane Bingeman 01243 776223.

Deacon Brenda Couzens will be ordained as priest by Bishop Mark Sowerby on Saturday 29th September at 6pm at St Paul's Church followed by a reception. Members of the Cathedral congregation are warmly invited to attend. If you would like to join us for this special celebration an email would be helpful:
Brendacouzens51@gmail.com

‘Thresholds’: An exhibition by the award-winning international sculptor Diane Maclean. Runs until Sunday 30th September, at Chichester Cathedral. This exhibition explores themes of transformation and journey, and showcases five large scale sculptures: *Resting Wing* on the South Aisle Tomb; *Trinity* suspended above the Arundel Screen; *Circle of Light* within the North Transept; *Thresholds* outside on the South West Lawn; and *Road Untravelled* in ‘Paradise’ (in the Cathedral Cloisters). The exhibition is accompanied by a sculpture trail for visitors. Diane Maclean is a Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors; her work has been exhibited in the UK, China and Norway. Open daily with free entry.

Looking ahead to future months...

History Books: Chichester Cathedral Friends and West Sussex Archives Society are co-hosting a sale of second hand history books and invite you to come along to Vicars' Hall on Friday 12th October (9am - 4.30pm) and Saturday 13th October (9am - 4pm) and browse our large selection of general and specialist books. ‘History Books’ encompass a wide range of categories from Local History, Biographies, Architecture and Military to Railways, Historical Surveys, Family History and Churches, and there is sure to be a book that you will interest you. Cloisters Café will be providing light refreshments and proceeds from the book sale will be divided between the two groups. We are also looking for volunteers for the event - see page 7.

(Steve Holloway, Friends Secretary, Chichester Cathedral Friends)

Art Views @ Chichester Cathedral: Thursday 11th October, 1.30 - 3.30pm. Art Views is an opportunity to look at and discuss a selected work of art in Chichester Cathedral. Share your thoughts about the artwork and enjoy hearing other people's responses. There are no right answers; all thoughts and ideas make a valuable contribution to the discussion. This pilot session is open to anyone interested in joining the art discussion and is also dementia friendly. Led by a Pallant House Gallery Facilitator. Followed by tea and cake in the Eastern Arm. Cost £3.50 per person. Booking is essential. Please contact Sue Poil on email:

sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk or phone 01243 812497

The Inaugural Conference of the Visual Theology Symposium in association with the Diocese of Chichester, the University of Chichester, King's College London, and Art and Christianity: Friday 19th - Saturday 20th October. Visual Theology 1: Transformative looking between the Visual Arts and Christian Doctrine (1850 - Now). Keynote speakers: Professor John Harvey (Aberystwyth University), Revd Dr Ayla Lepine (University of Essex). With contributions by the Right Revd Dr Martin Warner, Maciej Urbanek, Jonathan Anderson.

This conference will take place at the Bishop's Palace located next to Chichester Cathedral. Tickets from www.visualtheology.org.uk/booking/

Volunteering for the RNLI: Craig Sergeant, Director of the Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust, is the speaker at the next 'Food for Thought' event to be held in Vicars' Hall on Wednesday 24th October at 12.30pm. Craig is going to speak about his other life as a crew member for the RNLI, including how he became a crew member, what being a crew member means and how it fits around work and family life. He will also talk about what the RNLI does as well as provide an overview of the RNLI in general including a few facts and figures for those who like a bit of detail. Tickets will be available shortly.

Gospel Day 2018: 'Learning with Luke'

An afternoon at Chichester Cathedral to explore and celebrate Luke's Gospel through word, music, prayer and art.

The next in our series of popular biblical study days is to be held on Saturday 17th November from 1.30pm to 5pm. Speakers include Dr Steve Smith (St Mellitus College), Professor James Dunn (Durham), Professor David Catchpole (Exeter & Sarum College), Dr Stephen Roberts (University of Chichester), Revd Dr Andy Angel, Revd Harriet Neale-Stevens (Diocese of Chichester), Rachel Moriarty, Canon Tim Schofield (Chichester Cathedral), with prayer stations by Loulou Morris.

Cost: £7.50 per person. There are a limited number of free tickets for 16-18 year olds. Session titles and further information is available from the 'What's on' section of the Cathedral website: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Tickets (and session titles) are available online from www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or in person or by telephone from The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester (10am to 5pm daily – 10m to 4pm on Sundays: 01243 775888). As there is a choice of sessions with limited numbers in some venues, booking in advance is highly recommended.

And on a different note...

THE CATHEDRAL LIBRARY

Do you know where the Cathedral library is and what is there? If you would like to know more about the library and to join a team of volunteers then we would like to hear from you.

We wish to appoint a small team of volunteers to help us in the maintenance of the library which we see as being an important part of the Cathedral's ministry. The role will involve cleaning the shelves and books on a regular basis, helping with checking the library catalogue and assisting with open days. Training in conjunction with West Dean College will be given.

A job description and application form is available from Reception, to be returned by Monday 15th October. This will be followed by an informal interview with the Chancellor and the Sub-librarians Diana Wills and Richard Hance who will be pleased to answer any questions. (*Richard Hance*)

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS LAUNCH THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Trustees of Chichester Cathedral Friends invite you to join them in celebrating the 80th anniversary of Friends at Chichester Cathedral.

The celebrations include The Dean's Challenge, to recruit 80 New Members in our 80th Year, and a programme of events running from October 2018 to July 2019.

To support the celebrations, Friends have launched an 80th Anniversary website: www.ccfriends.org which contains examples of Friends projects, online booking for the 80th Anniversary events programme and details of how to join Friends online or by post.

Details of the 80th Anniversary events will also be published in the Cathedral pew sheets and the Cathedral Newsletter.

To coincide with this launch, we have produced a new Membership Leaflet, which will be available in and around the Cathedral.

For further information please contact the Friends Secretary by email ccfsec@gmail.com or by telephone 01243 812980.

MEMBERS HELP NEEDED AT THE BOOK SALE!

For the last eighteen months Chichester Cathedral Friends have been working hard organising a Book Sale, donating books, collecting books and bringing them into the Chichester Cathedral Friends' Office. A really big 'thank you' to all who have helped in this way. We are of course working with the Friends of West Sussex Archives Society and their members have also been working hard in laying the foundations for a successful Book Sale.

We will need help both in setting out the books and on sale days on the dates below, and will be working in two hour shifts at the Book Sale so that no one is 'on duty' for too long, and are now asking members of the Friends to help. If you are able to help in any way please choose from the following:

Thursday 11th October: Setting up the Book Sale, moving the books from the Chichester Cathedral Friends' Office to Vicars' Hall. We need help either from 11am - 1pm, and/or 2 - 4pm.

Friday 12th October - Day 1 of the Book Sale. We require help either:

- i) To run Chichester Cathedral Friends' Desk from 9am - 11am, or 11am - 1pm, or 1pm - 3pm, or 3pm - 4.30 pm.
- ii) To sell the books from 9am - 11am, or 11am - 1pm, or 1pm to 3pm, or 3pm - 4.30 pm.

Saturday 13th October - Day 2 of the Book Sale.

Help will be required:

- i) To run Chichester Cathedral Friends' Desk from 9am - 11am, or 11am - 1pm, or 1pm - 3pm, or 3pm to 4pm.
- ii) To sell the books from 9am - 11am, or 11am - 1pm, or 1pm - 3pm, or 3pm - 5pm: this will also include tidying up at the end of the sale.

Your help at the Book Sale would be invaluable. If you can help, please make your choice(s) and let Iain Jessup know as soon as possible and certainly by the end of August, the day, the time and what you would like to do. Contact Iain via email iain50@aol.com or call the Friends Office 01243 812980 and leave a message if we are not there to take your call and we will get back to you. Very many thanks in advance.

(Iain Jessup)

CHICHESTER FOOD BANK

Please remember the Chichester Food Bank when you do your weekly shop! School holidays can be a time of difficulty for families who receive free school meals during term-time. Urgently needed items include pasta sauce, tinned spaghetti, tinned meat (meatballs, spam, ham) tinned potatoes, rice pudding, custard, jam, biscuits, toilet rolls, washing up liquid. There is a collection basket at the back of the Cathedral and also in Reception. Many thanks.

The copy deadline for the October leaflet is Sunday 16th September. Please send entries to Charlotte Rattray at lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk
Thank you.