

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

AUGUST 2019

Well done and thank you to the choir, organists, visiting singers and musicians, clergy, vergers, stewards, door keepers, Cathedral Friends, catering and cleaning staff, stage crew, the admin and shop staff, and of course our counterparts at Winchester and Salisbury for working so extremely hard to make this year's Southern Cathedrals Festival at Chichester such an outstanding success - and all of it supported by such fantastic audiences and our very own committed congregation.
(The Precentor)

The Southern Ceramic Group's Summer Exhibition 2019 runs from Saturday 27th July to Sunday 11th August. With over 600 exhibits from 60 ceramicists, and the work of several new potters exhibited this year, the Exhibition takes place daily from 10am to 5pm in the historic 'Old Kitchen' in the Cathedral's Bishop's Palace (normally closed to the public.)

Friends' Coffee Morning: Saturday 3rd August, South Transept: 10 - 12am in the South Transept. All are welcome at this monthly coffee morning - you don't have to be a member to come along. Free coffee and biscuits, with donations welcome. The Chichester Cathedral 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.

The Cathedral Library: Don't forget our opening times this month are Tuesday 6th August 10am - 12 noon and Friday 30th July 2pm - 4pm. You'll find the library by entering the Treasury and then climbing a stone spiral staircase - 40 steps!
(Diana Wills, Richard Hance, Sub-Librarians)

Be Still: The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesday 6th and 20th August (7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing 8.45pm) in 4 Canon Lane. The guiding theme for the year is the Rule of St Benedict. The specific focus for the 6th will be '*The eyes of the Lord are on us*' (Proverbs 15:3) and on the 20th '*Serve the Lord with awe and trembling*' (Psalm 2: 11).

The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 27th August from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by The Reverend James Cooper,

Chaplain, St Wilfrid's Hospice. Our theme for 2019 is 'Inspiring Joy' and his title is *Inspiring Joy with the Spice Girls*. For further information please contact Jane Bingeman on 01243 776223.

History of Quiet Gardens and the Quiet Garden Movement: In 1992 the Revd Philip Roderick, who was then working in the Diocese of Oxford, had a vision of a new kind of ministry – one that involved people opening their own homes and gardens for others to visit, on occasional days throughout the year. He called it a ministry of hospitality and prayer – and within a few weeks someone had offered the use of her home at Stoke Poges, in Buckinghamshire, and the first Quiet Garden was born. By the end of 1995 there were 40, and by the end of 1999 there were 177. Today there are about 310 and the number is still rising. The Movement has become international, spreading throughout the world, from the British Isles, to Europe, North America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Quiet Gardens have now opened with the explicit intention to serve local communities through the provision of quiet space in churches, retreat houses, and schools as well as in private homes. Those who visit a Quiet Garden are free to spend the time as they wish, while always maintaining the stillness. Some will sit and read in the house or garden, others may walk, pray, write and reflect. A perfect garden is not essential nor a very large garden. Please be on the alert for possibilities to develop local Quiet Garden spaces in different organisations in your locality!

Who might come to a Quiet Garden? Anyone of any faith who is looking for a place to be still and to be refreshed. This might be attractive to a range of people - carers, tired parents, retired people, busy working people, as well as those who want to explore their faith outside of a traditional church context. Find out more about the history of Quiet Gardens at www.quietgarden.org/about/

Looking ahead to future months...

Friends' Monthly Coffee Morning: Saturday 7th September at 10am in the South Transept. All are welcome at this monthly coffee morning - you don't have to be a member to come along. Free coffee and biscuits, with donations welcome.

Iklektik presents 'SPIRE live' at Chichester Cathedral with Claire M Singer, Charles Mathews and Eternal Chord. Saturday 7th September. Doors open at 7.30pm; music from 8pm. Tickets £12 in advance from www.tickettailor.com/events/iklektik/275698 or £15 on door.

Lunchtime Concerts: Timothy Ravalde, assistant organist at the Cathedral, starts our Autumn Lunchtime Concert series with Louis Vierne's wonderful *Symphony No. 2, Op. 20* on Tuesday 10th September at 1.10pm. The concert is free with a retiring collection. Full details at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts

On sale now: ‘Divine Inspiration’ - a concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 14th September The BSO present a trio of masterpieces inspired by greatness and created by two of the best-known names in classical music’s hall of fame. Schubert’s Overture in D, alternately titled *Overture for Orchestra in D Major ‘in the Italian Style’* will be followed by two of Beethoven’s masterworks, his *Violin Concerto in D* and his *Symphony No. 4*. Tickets from £15-£30 available at <https://bsolive.com/events/divine-inspiration-chichester/>

Sussex Historic Churches Ride and Stride: Saturday 14th September. In recognition of a generous £25,000 grant towards the roof restoration project received from Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Chichester Cathedral has pledged to enter a team in the Trust’s annual Ride & Stride. Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) supports urgent repairs and restoration for historic churches, chapels and meeting-houses across Sussex. Its funds are distributed from sponsorship raised on the annual Ride & Stride – a ride (bike or horse) or walk, in which people all over Sussex walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside.

Ride and Stride is an event that all ages can enjoy. Come along and show your support for visiting teams on the day, or even join the Cathedral cycling team on a route starting from the Cathedral, or choose a walking route: for further details please contact Ali George 01243 812480 trust@chichestercathedral.org.uk Participants raise money through sponsorship, which will directly help the Cathedral, as 50% goes directly to your chosen Church, and 50% to SHCT.

The Cathedral Fellowship takes a break over the Summer, and so will meet next on Monday 16th September, when Canon David Nason gives a talk on ‘The Strauss Family’. Look out for more details closer to the day!

The **Live Better Together 2019** programme opens on Saturday 21st September, International Day of Peace, with ‘Recipe for Peace’, a free drop-in family friendly event for all ages on the Cathedral Green from 1.30-3.30pm. Find out about recipes from around the world contributed by people who live in and around Chichester on International Day of Peace. This is a partnership project between Chichester Cathedral, the Quakers in Chichester, Sanctuary in Chichester and UK Harvest. The event will be followed by an Interfaith Thanksgiving in the Cathedral’s Lady Chapel at 4pm. Live Better Together continues with two free but ticketed events to book in advance - a talk on 1st October by Dr Ruth Valerio on the connection between climate, conflict and prosperity followed by an Interfaith Panel on 17th October who will address the question “*What role, if any, should faith-based organisations play in efforts to combat climate change?*” plus more! Alongside events there will be a Prayer Station for Peace to light candles or offer prayers for peace as well as a Peace and Reconciliation trail to explore in the Cathedral. Full details and how to book Live Better Together events are on the Cathedral website or contact the Learning and Engagement Department on 01243 812997 or booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

Volunteers needed

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

And on a different note...

A message from Therese Brook, Community Chair of the Rotary Club of Chichester Harbour: We work with families in poverty. We help between 30 to 40 families each month with basic need items from beds, cookers, crockery etc to clothing for people aged 0 - 90 yrs. We work with the Foodbank and are there once a week delivering clothing, bedding and towels etc. However, we have a problem! We are going to lose our clothing store and are in desperate need of finding another so that we can continue our vital work... If anyone might be able to offer us a solution, or put us in touch with someone who can help - please get in contact. Email therese.brook@btinternet.com or telephone Therese on 07732 397201. With many thanks. *(Therese Brook)*

Before you go away on holiday... please spare a thought for all those who depend on the Chichester Foodbank, especially those families who will struggle over the Summer without free school meals. Low paid wages continues to be the single biggest reason why people are forced to seek emergency food aid. Items urgently needed for distribution are: Tinned Potatoes*; Tinned Veg* (not sweetcorn); Tinned Fruit*; Washing up Powder; Washing Up Liquid; UHT Milk. These can be dropped off at the Collection Box at the back of the Cathedral, or in the Cathedral reception. Thank you as always for your superb support. **Please buy tins with ring pulls as families in hostels or who are homeless may not own a tin opener.*

St Mary's Hospital, Chichester (Almshouses): St Mary's Hospital provides safe, secure and subsidised accommodation for elderly persons in financial need. Applications are currently invited for consideration by the Trustees at their December 2019 meeting (Closing date 22nd November 2019). For full details of an applicant's eligibility and an application form please contact Mrs Debbie Atlee on 01243 812491 or chaptersec@chichestercathedral.org.uk Alternatively, please visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/st-marys-hospital

The copy deadline for the September leaflet is Thursday 15th August.
Send entries to Charlotte Rattray at lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk
Thank you.