

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## SEPTEMBER 2019

**The Cathedral Library:** Open Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10am - 12 noon and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2pm - 4pm. You'll find the library by entering the Treasury and then climbing the stone spiral staircase. (*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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September (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 3<sup>rd</sup> will be *'The Lord calls us'* (Psalm 34: 1-3, 13-15) and, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, *'Using our skills to benefit others'* (Ephesians 2: 10).

**Friends' Coffee Morning:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, South Transept: 10 - 11.30am 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.

**Stonepillow's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** To mark this special time, the charity is hosting a Community Thank You Event in the Bishop's Private Garden in Chichester on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September between 12pm-5pm. There will be lots going on to thank supporters including live music, BBQ, entertainment and children's activities throughout the afternoon. Stonepillow relies on the support of many churches in the area and would like to thank everyone for their support over the years - do come, everyone is welcome! Afterwards at 5.30pm in the Cathedral, the Evensong service will commemorate Stonepillow's founder, the late Reverend Hilary Parsons.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> September at 1.10pm. The concert is free with a retiring collection. Full details of all our forthcoming performers, including the Chichester Symphony Orchestra (29<sup>th</sup> October) and the return of the Chagall Quartet (19<sup>th</sup> November) are available from [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts)

**The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne** invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by Sue Riddell, storyteller and spiritual accompanier. Our theme for 2019 is 'Inspiring Joy' and her title is: "Song of Joy". For further information please contact Jane Bingeman on 01243 776223.

**On sale now:** 'Divine Inspiration' - a concert by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September <https://bsolive.com/events/divine-inspiration-chichester/>

**Ride & Stride in aid of Chichester Cathedral and Sussex Historic Churches:** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September (starting at 10am). This year there is a Cathedral Team taking part in the annual Ride & Stride. David Coulthard will lead the cycle team and Ali George will lead the walking team. The routes and distances are negotiable and will be a unique opportunity to visit other churches and chapels in the local area.

All participants are provided with a sponsor form to encourage them to raise money, which will be equally shared between Chichester Cathedral Roof Appeal and Sussex Historic Churches. To find out more, please contact Ali George or Vicky Gregory on 01243 812990 or [Victoria.gregory@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:Victoria.gregory@chichestercathedral.org.uk) We would love you to join us.

**The Cathedral Fellowship** is back after the Summer break with a talk by Canon David Nason on 'The Strauss Family'. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm, in Vicars' Hall. The Strauss Family is inextricably linked with nineteenth century Vienna and Viennese society and the popularisation of the waltz. Johann Strauss the younger is known as the 'Waltz King' for very good reason but he also had a sizeable output of Marches, Polkas and even operettas including the ever popular 'Die Fledermaus'.

The talk, well-illustrated with musical examples, will also give an insight into the Strauss family dramas and tensions. It will also explore what it was like to play for them in one of their orchestras touring for weeks on end as far afield as North

America and Russia. Come and learn more! A donation of £1 is kindly requested. For further information please contact Michael Cox 1michaelcox@gmail.com Everyone is invited.

**Flower Demonstration:** In conjunction with the 2020 Festival of Flowers, join talented Petworth florist, Matthew Spriggs, for a flower demonstration highlighting what is new for 2020 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Duncton Village Hall, Petworth at 2.30pm. Tickets are £15, include refreshments and raffle, and are available from the Cathedral Trust Office 01243 813591 flowerfestival@chichestercathedral.org.uk

**Behind the Scenes at Chichester Cathedral:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 11am. A chance to see areas of the Cathedral normally closed to the public: visit the Song School, located high up in the Cathedral triforium – come and discover its secret chamber. Visit the Cathedral Library also situated in the Cathedral heights, and the Bishop's Chapel, the private chapel of the Bishop of Chichester. Disabled access to Bishop's Chapel, but not to the Library and Song School. All are welcome. Free Entry.

### **‘Live Better Together’ Programme**

*From Saturday 21st September 2019 - United Nations International Day of Peace*

**Recipe for Peace:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 1.30 - 3.30pm. Join us for this free drop-in event for all ages on the Cathedral Green, no need to book. Find out about recipes from around the world contributed by people who live in and around Chichester. Recipes and some ingredients will be available to take away. This is a partnership project between Chichester Cathedral, the Quakers in Chichester, Sanctuary in Chichester, UK Harvest and Friends Without Borders. The event will be followed by an *Interfaith Thanksgiving* in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel at 4pm.

### **Talk: From Swords to Ploughshares-Conflict and Climate, Peace and Prosperity**

What is the connection between conflict, climate and natural resources? How can we ensure prosperity for all? Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund, will be speaking on this important topic that is such a significant feature of our world today. The talk will be from 6.30 - 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October in Vicars' Hall. Free to enter but booking essential. Tickets via Cloisters Shop or Cathedral website.

**Interfaith Panel on Climate Change:** Discover what an interfaith panel has to

say in answer to the question “*What role, if any, should faith-based organisations play in efforts to combat climate change?*”, 2.00 – 3.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October in Vicars’ Hall. Speakers include Brahmacharini Shripriya (Chinmaya Mission UK), Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah (Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue) and Revd Debbie Beer (Environment Officer, Diocese of Chichester) and will be chaired by Simon Keyes, Visiting Professor at the Centre of Religion, Reconciliation and Peace at the University of Winchester. Free to enter but booking essential. Tickets via Cloisters Shop or Cathedral website.

**Annual Quaker Peace Lecture** *Stopping Wars Before They Start* Speaker Tim Gee is a Quaker, a London-based writer, political activist and author of “Why I am a Pacifist.” Talk starts at 6pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Quaker Meeting House, Priory Road, PO19 1NX. Retiring collection of the speaker’s choice.

**Cathedral Prayer Station & Peace and Reconciliation Trail** Open to visit and explore from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, UN International Day of Peace.

**Brochure available. Tickets from Cloisters Shop and**  
**[www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)**

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

**Windows Group** will meet again to study *Ephesians and a New Society* on Mondays 3 – 4.30pm at Cathedral venues on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, with a social get-together on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Revd Canon Stephen Ferns will lead our first session and Revd Dr Dan Inman will lead our final session. Windows is open to anyone interested in exploring the Bible and its application to our daily lives in a friendly and relaxed environment. If you would like to join us, please contact Linda or Ian by 30<sup>th</sup> September:

[lindashepley11@gmail.com](mailto:lindashepley11@gmail.com) 01243 776030; [igshrives@outlook.com](mailto:igshrives@outlook.com) 07901 330931

**Art Views, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1.30pm,** is 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 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)

## *News & notices*

**Congregational Roof Tours:** A total of 56 members of our Cathedral community took the opportunity to climb the 100 steps up the scaffolding which surrounds the North and South Transepts to get a close look at the restoration and re-covering of the cathedral roofs and to learn more about the historical craftsmanship.

“An amazing experience to see the roof at such close quarters so high above the ground.... A real honour to be there. The project is a huge undertaking and being done to the highest standard as our beautiful Cathedral deserves”. Carol Hunter, Head of the Cathedral Flower Team

My thanks to Tony Allen, Clerk of Works; Jeremy Attwood, Site Manager (DBR Contractors) and Vicky Gregory, Fundraising Manager for all their time supporting me with the tours. And finally, to everyone who took the tour and will undoubtedly

help us with the task of raising awareness of this vital project.

*(Ali George, Head of Fundraising)*

**News from the Treasury:** During the year the Treasury has received welcome loans for the display collection from two parishes: from Bishopstone (near Seaford) an Elizabethan chalice with paten cover; from Penhurst (near Battle) a small Charles I chalice.

More recently there has been presented to the Cathedral (through a family connexion) a small baptismal travelling font, made of onyx. This was the personal possession of Bishop Henry Montgomery (1847-1932), who began his ministry in Chichester Diocese, then moved to London parishes and became Bishop of Tasmania 1889-1901. The font was used during his extensive travels there, and is now on display in the Treasury. Bishop Montgomery was the father of Bernard Montgomery, the WW2 general. *(Michael Moriarty, Sub-Treasurer)*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:chaptersec@chichestercathedral.org.uk) Alternatively, please visit [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/st-marys-hospital](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/st-marys-hospital)

**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*).

**Home Insurance:** When your home insurance (buildings and/or contents) is due for renewal you might like to seek a comparison quote from the Cathedral's insurers, Ecclesiastical. Ecclesiastical – as part of its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary – is offering

to donate £130 for every new policy taken out by a member of our congregation before the end of 2019. You simply have to quote 'Trust130' at the time of taking out the policy. For more details [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130) or call 0800 783 0130 and quote Trust 130. Please make sure any policy is right for your own circumstances.

**Cathedral Stewardship:** A huge thank you to all those who support the Cathedral financially. Regular stewardship giving via our new direct debit scheme, (with gift-aid where possible) assists the Cathedral with its financial planning and supports our overall mission. Richard Hancock 02392 631884 and John Leslie [stewardship@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:stewardship@chichestercathedral.org.uk) can tell you more!

## *Volunteers needed*

**Looking for a challenge? Have good organisational skills? Enjoy the excitement of working with a large team? Then this is the opportunity for you!** We are seeking a Volunteer Team Leader and Deputy Team Leaders to co-ordinate the 150 Welcomers (also known as Doorkeepers) who play a vital role in ensuring a warm and friendly welcome to the thousands of visitors to the Cathedral each year. We are extremely grateful to Jeremy Mudford for expertly carrying out this role for nearly 19 years, but who now feels it is time to stand down. If you would like to know more about this wonderful opportunity or would like an application form (please apply before 30<sup>th</sup> August), contact Carolyn, Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 01243 782595; or see the website: [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/volunteers/volunteer-vacancies](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/volunteers/volunteer-vacancies) Doorkeeping experience isn't necessary as full training will be given.

**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)

**The copy deadline for the October leaflet is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please send entries to Charlotte Rattray at [lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk)**