

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

December 2019

David Hopkinson CBE: There will be a special Choral Evensong on Tuesday November 26th at 5.30pm in thanksgiving for the life of David Hopkinson. The contribution David has made to the life of the Cathedral, the Diocese and in wider public life is exceptional even in an age in which hyperbole is normative. David was a founder member of Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust and a founder donor of the Millennium Trust, which have provided huge sums of money for the preservation of the fabric of the Cathedral over many years.

David was also passionate about the music and worship of the Cathedral and through his vision an organ fund was created; he himself provided the nave division of the organ, which is known as the Poling Organ in recognition of the place where David lived. He was a generous patron of the Southern Cathedrals Festival and a wise member of the Cathedral Finance Committee. For many years he was Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance and transformed the finances of the diocese for good as well as contributing to the life of the national church in his role as a Church Commissioner.

But his work also extended well beyond the church. Early in his career he was Clerk to the House of Commons; he served on the Bank of England Advisory Committee and he spent nine years as a highly successful Managing Director of M and G investment house. More locally he served as Chair of Pallant House Art Gallery and was a Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The University of Chichester bestowed on him an honorary degree in recognition of the contribution he made to life in Sussex. All are welcome to join us for Evensong on November 26th as we give thanks with his family and friends for a life well lived.

Chichester Food Bank Christmas Update: Due to the roll out of Universal Credit in this area the number of people using our foodbank has risen by 30% since April. This means for the first time we have severe shortages of certain items. Most urgently needed are: tinned meat*, jam, tea bags, smash and tinned soup*. Please help! Toiletries, toilet rolls packed in twos and fours and tin openers are also really appreciated. (*Tins with ring pulls to open are best.)

You may be interested to know that when we started the main reason people used the foodbank was delays to benefit payments. That now runs second to people in work on low wages, zero hours contracts and jobs being cut down to part-time work. Living in an area where rents are high and transport very expensive, people easily accumulate debt and now eviction rates are rising - which is devastating for families with children.

As always a huge thank you for your continued generosity as Christmas is looking bleak for many families we see. *(Marguerite Saffery)*

(Dementia-friendly) Christmas Carol Service: Monday 2nd December at 2.30pm. This service has been organised in partnership with the Chichester Anna Chaplaincy, the Alzheimer's Society Chichester and Bognor Positive Thinkers, a group of people living well with dementia. The short service will celebrate Christmas with carols, short prayers, readings and a retelling of the Christmas story assisted by local school children and donkeys from Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary. All are invited for refreshments in the nave afterwards. Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres are welcome to bring groups. There is no charge to attend but booking is essential: please contact sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812497.

The 'Our City' Carol Service on Tuesday 3rd December, 1.45pm - 2.45pm, has been especially developed for people with support needs who would benefit from a more relaxed environment. The service has been organised in partnership with the Wrenford Centre for adults with learning difficulties and Coastal MIND. Day Care Centres etc are welcome to bring groups. This short service will celebrate Christmas with carols, short prayers, readings and a retelling of the Christmas story assisted by local school children and donkeys from Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary. All are invited for refreshments in the nave afterwards. There is no charge to attend but booking is essential, please contact sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812497.

Be Still December Meetings: With a change to the normal venue, the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group is moving to the Lady Chapel of St George's on Tuesday 3rd December and 17th December. (The first meeting in the new year is on Tuesday 7th January, back in 4 Canon Lane.)

Advent Lunches: As usual in Advent, as well as Lent, the Christian Aid Committee provide soup lunches at Christ Church at the end of South Street on Wednesdays from 12.00 - 1.00 pm. The first of these is Wednesday 27th November to get in four Wednesdays before Christmas. Cathedral representatives are organising the lunch on December 4th and we hope you will come then and the other weeks too. There is no set cost but donations are welcomed so we can send a good amount of money to the areas of the world in great need. If you would like to help in any way please contact one of us. Thank you so much in anticipation of your help. (*Julie Schofield, Annabelle Hancock*)

The Friends' Christmas Fair: Saturday 7th December from 10am-12pm. Entrance £2, includes coffee and biscuits. Please help us make this event a great success! We would be very grateful for Donations from: Jam/Chutney Makers; Bakers Of Cakes, Bread and Quiches; Donations for the Raffle and the Tombola; Plants and Christmas Table Decorations. This year, due to shortage of space, there will be no Bric-a-Brac and no Book Stall. Please bring cakes, jam, chutney, prizes and plants on Friday 6th December between 2-4pm to Vicars' Hall. Cakes etc can also be delivered from 9am on Saturday 7th December to the Hall. If you have a problem with delivery or any questions, please ring Fenella on 07966 874049 or Sarah on 01243 951092.

Festival of Chichester: The Festive Jazz Café: Wednesday 11th December, 7.30pm at St John's Chapel, St John's Street, Chichester, PO19 1UR. A programme of seasonal readings, jazz and complimentary mince pies, with actor/singer Mark Wynter (Cats, Phantom of the Opera, etc.), Ted Hughes Award winning writer Maggie Sawkins and the Jazz Smugglers Band. All proceeds go towards the 2020 Festival. Tickets £12 (students £10) from the Novium, 01243 816525 www.thenovium.org/boxoffice

Prebendal School Christmas Concert: All are welcome to come along and enjoy this festive concert given by the young musicians of the Prebendal School on Thursday 12th December at 7pm, in the Cathedral nave. The school has developed an impressive reputation as a centre for musical excellence – music for all is their

guiding philosophy and it can be heard throughout the school from dawn until dusk!

Handel's Messiah. Saturday 14th December at 7.15pm in the Nave. After an inspiring performance of Bach's *Magnificat* in 2018, Charles Harrison - Organist and Master of the Choristers, Chichester Cathedral - once again directs the professional singers *NMH* and the period ensemble *three parts vied* in an intimate performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Using small, perfectly balanced forces, hear this much-loved masterpiece come to life in this beautiful setting. Proceeds to support the work and ministry of the Cathedral. Tickets cost £20 (or £16 with restricted view) and are available at the Cathedral Shop or via the Cathedral website.

Chichester Cathedral: The Chapels, History and Response, ed. Paul Foster and Rachel Moriarty (University of Chichester 2019), was launched in September; the first print has almost sold out and a reprint is now available. This is the last (no 36) of Paul Foster's Otter Memorial Papers, which have described and interpreted aspects of the Cathedral and its neighbourhood from 1987 until his death in 2014. This one covers the Chapels in a series of engaging and scholarly chapters by people familiar in the Cathedral community, including Colin Clark, Tim Schofield, John Hind, Sarah Quail, Alan Readman, John Wyatt and others. It costs £15 and is on sale at the Cathedral Shop in Cloisters and St Olav's Christian Bookshop in North Street. The costs have generously been met by the Cathedral Friends, who will receive any profits, and we encourage readers to buy it – it would make an excellent and rewarding Christmas present!

(Rachel Moriarty 01243 789985 rachel.moriarty@waitrose.com)

Food waste charity and Cathedral partner UKHarvest has opened a new café in Drapers Yard, Chichester. UKHarvest collect quality excess food from commercial outlets and deliver it direct and free of charge to over 100 charities. They are now using some of the food in a newly opened café offering a vegan and vegetarian menu, which changes every day. Every penny spent will help UKHarvest to feed people who are food insecure. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 3pm, for breakfast, lunch & cake. Pop in and take a look!

Change of Library Opening Times: After the end of November, the Library will be open once a month on the first Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. We thank you for your interest in the Library and feel that we have given members of the congregation time to visit if so desired during the months since February. On Heritage Day we welcomed 110 visitors and through monthly opening times have

welcomed a further 600 people. (*Diana Wills, Sub-Librarian library@chichestercathedral.com*)

Winter Break Offer at 4 Canon Lane: Enjoy 25% off the Cathedral's fabulous B&B '4 Canon Lane' from 1st December - 31st March 2020. A stay at 4 Canon Lane offers the convenience of a city-centre location within the tranquil setting of the Cathedral Close. It's an ideal location from which to explore the historic city of Chichester with its beautiful Cathedral, galleries and shops. So, if you have family or friends planning to visit, let them know about this special offer. Reservations can be made online www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/venues/accommodation or by calling 01243 813586.

Christmas Lunches at 4 Canon Lane: Why not treat yourself and friends to a delicious three-course lunch this festive season in the delightful setting of 4 Canon Lane? They run throughout December, Tuesday – Saturday, from 12 noon - 2pm. £25 per person. Personally, I'd go for the Celeriac, Hazelnut and Truffle Soup, followed by Cider Roast Turkey Crown, then the Poached Pears in Red Wine and Chocolate Sauce... but the Christmas Lunch Leaflet (available from the Café or Cathedral website) will give you the full list of tasty choices! For reservations and pre-orders call 01243 813585 or email events@chichestercathedral.org.uk A £10.00 non-refundable deposit per person is required.

BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey Carol Service: Local radio will once more be broadcasting a special live service of carols from Chichester Cathedral to their many listeners. Although applications for tickets via the BBC Sussex and Surrey website has now closed, please do tune in on the day and listen to our choir on Sunday 15th December at 4pm.

Looking ahead to future months...

Friends' Epiphany Lunch, Tuesday 7th January 12.30pm, Vicars Hall. Chichester Cathedral Friends warmly invite you to their annual Epiphany lunch. This year the Cathedral's new Chancellor, the Reverend Canon Dr Dan Inman, joins us as guest speaker. It will be a great time to get to know Dan, and he us! The lunch, this year, returns to Vicars' Hall with its refurbished kitchen (funded by the Friends). The menu is available from the Cathedral website. Tickets are £22pp and there will be a cash bar. Wine can be pre-ordered by telephoning Cathedral Enterprises on 01243 814586.

Lunchtime Concerts: Our popular classical music concerts, (Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.10pm in the Nave) recommence on 21st January 2020, with Meera Maharaj and Dominic Degavino on flute and piano, and a programme of Bach, Amirov and Gubaidulina. For full details please see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/music/concerts/lunchtime-concerts

The next Friends' Coffee Morning is on Saturday 1st February, 10 - 11.30am, in the South Transept. Do come and join us! 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.

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Chorister Open Day 2020 will be held on Saturday 7th 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

And on a different note...

Volunteers: We are looking for friendly volunteers who have a few hours to spare and would be willing to help out in the Cathedral Shop. If you could give a couple of hours of your time - especially over the lunchtime period - please contact Steve Holloway for details and how to apply. (*Steve Holloway 01243 792 401*)

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

Be 'Sociable' with the Cathedral! Did you know that one way we keep people informed about what's happening at the Cathedral is via social media – primarily Facebook and Twitter. Our posts range from service information, to events, pictures, prayers, and responding appropriately to world events. Also some funnies from time to time! If you are active on social media, please follow us, like us (if you like what we have posted of course!) and re-Tweet and Share. Social media is a great way to make the Cathedral's message available to a wide audience. Find us on Twitter @chiCathedral and on Facebook.com/ChichesterCathedral Thank you.

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 www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding

Cathedral Stewardship: We would like to say a very big thank you to all those who have supported the Cathedral financially throughout the past year. Regular stewardship giving via our direct debit scheme, (with gift-aid where possible) assists the Cathedral with its financial planning and supports our overall mission. From the mundane (but essential) heating bills, to outreach work with local school children... the roof... the choir... all these things - and so much more - are generously supported by you. Thank you.

(*For further details contact John Leslie: stewardship@chichestercathedral.org.uk*)

Advent & Christmas Services

Advent Procession: Saturday 30th November at 6pm.

(Dementia-friendly) Christmas Carol Service*

Monday 2nd December at 2.30pm

(For people with support needs) The 'Our City' Carol Service*

on Tuesday 3rd December at 1.45pm

The Cathedral Carol Services:

Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December at 6pm,
and Saturday 21st December at 3pm.

A service of lessons and carols sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Public seating is not ticketed and seats in the nave and side aisles will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Doors open an hour before each service.)

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

2.30pm & 4pm - Crib Services

Two opportunities to hear the Christmas story at this special service for young families. Children are encouraged to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds or Wise Men.

5.30pm - Choral Evensong for Christmas Eve

11pm - Midnight Eucharist

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

8am - Holy Communion (said)

10am - Choral Mattins

11am - Sung Eucharist

5.30pm - Evening Prayer (said)

The Cathedral will be closed from 12.30-5.00pm.

The Epiphany Procession - Sunday 12th January at 6pm

****Booking essential - for details see previous pages***

Throughout Advent, the Cathedral will also be host to a number of Carol Services for local schools, colleges and other organisations, as well as other concerts and events.

Details of all of these can be found on the Cathedral website.