

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

January 2020

The Library Team would like to invite you to 'Behind the Library Door' on the first Tuesday of each month in 2020. You will first encounter 40 spiral steps, but it will be well worth the climb. The dates will be 7th January, 4th February, 3rd March and each subsequent first Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. We look forward to showing you some of the treasures housed in the Library from our collection of over 9000 books. There is a 'Trail of Bishop's Portraits, an opportunity to write with a quill and Volunteers on hand. (*Diana Wills, Sub-Librarian*).

A fascinating free Exhibition revealing the important relationship between Henry Moore and his patron Walter Hussey (former Dean of Chichester) has opened at Pallant House Gallery, running until Sunday 8th March. This is their first exhibition exploring Hussey's patronage of Henry Moore, and reveals the important relationship between the two men. It captures key moments in Henry Moore's career including his Surrealist drawings, his drawings of wartime shelters and mines in the pits of Yorkshire; his 1940s lithographs and his late work including the magnificent and mysterious Elephant Skull album (1970). Through the display of other works bequeathed by various collectors, the exhibition will provide an insight into how Moore was collected and supported in the 20th century.

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.

Be Still: The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesdays 7th and 21st January (7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing 8.45pm) in 4 Canon Lane. Drawn from 'Reflections for the Unfolding Year' the specific focus for the evenings will be *'The Generosity of God - Kings 17; John 2: 1-10'* (7th) and *'Watching and waiting - Psalm 48: 10; Luke 2: 25-28'* (21st).

Spring Lecture Series: Thursday 9th January, 6.30pm, Vicars' Hall. Lecture: *The Reformation of the Heart: Revolution and Mystical Spirituality in 17th Century Britain*. Dr Sarah Apetrei, Director of Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, explores how religious thinkers responded to the Civil Wars in the British Isles in the seventeenth century. First of Spring Lectures 2020 - 'God and Great Britain: Exploring Religious Thought in National Crisis, from the Civil War to Brexit'. Free to enter but advance booking essential www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or Cloisters Shop.

Epiphany Procession: Sunday 12th January at 6pm. We celebrate the arrival of the three wise men at Bethlehem in this special Cathedral service, featuring a tableau recreation of the nativity scene, with music from the Cathedral Choir and recorder ensemble *Fontanella*. The Feast of the Epiphany recalls the visit of the Magi, the wise men, to the infant Jesus, as recounted in the second chapter of St Matthew's Gospel.

The Bible has much to say of the journeying of the people of God and Christianity from early times was called 'The Way'. This service takes the form of a procession. It recalls a journey, and teaches us about the Christian life as a journey of faith. The response of the wise men, when they reached Bethlehem, was worship, and worship means offering: *'They fell down and worshipped him and, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts.'*

Chichester Singers in Concert: Saturday 19th January at 7.30pm.

Come and join us for a concert of contrasting works from the 18th and 20th centuries, performed by the Chichester Singers. Two tuneful Haydn choral works (the '*Little Organ*' Mass and *Insanae et vanae curae*) are complemented by a delightful chamber orchestral piece – Mozart's *Divertimento in D* (K136) which demonstrates why the young Mozart's works were so admired, even in his own lifetime.

The second half of the concert will feature the dramatic Cantata of *Saint Nicolas* by Britten. Written in 1948 it tells the story of the legendary Saint Nicolas, (the 4th

century Bishop of Myra, Lycia) who became the Patron Saint of children and the inspiration for Santa Claus. Tickets £10-£28 are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-chichester-singers

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

Messiaen - La Nativité du Seigneur. The Cathedral's Assistant Organist Timothy Ravalde performs Olivier Messiaen's organ work *La Nativite du Seigneur* in this special free performance on Saturday 25th January at 6.30pm. Timothy Ravalde is the Assistant Organist of Chichester Cathedral, where he is responsible for accompanying the daily choral services and assisting with the training of the choir. With the Cathedral Choir he has played for numerous recordings, broadcasts, concerts and tours. He is also the Musical Director of Fernhurst Choral Society, with whom he has conducted a wide range of the major oratorio repertoire.

Wedding Reception Showcase: Sunday 26th January. If you are planning a wedding reception then this is an event not to be missed. No need to book just drop in between 11am and 3pm to see our choice of stunning historical venues, from the beautifully restored 4 Canon Lane to the medieval Vicars' Hall. Our team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

'Chichester Marks Holocaust Memorial Day' has organised a special film screening of *'Enemies of the People'*, depicting the 10-year quest of co-director Thet Sambath to find out the truth about the Killing Fields of Cambodia. Marking Holocaust Memorial Day 2020. Location: New Park Cinema, Chichester at 11am on Sunday 26th January. Includes an introduction and Q&A with the film's other co-director Robert Lemkin. Tickets free, but booking essential via the cinema box office or by <https://chichestercinema.org/film/holocaust-memorial-day-2020>

Spring Lecture Series: Thursday 30th January, 6.30pm, Vicars' Hall, Lecture: *Radical Christianity in an Age of Revolution: The Prophetic Visions of William Blake and Mary Wollstonecraft*. Canon Dr Dan Inman, Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral, explores how religious thinkers imaginatively responded to the social upheaval of the Industrial Revolution in Britain and how this might inform our response to the digital revolution. Second of Spring Lectures - 'God and Great

Britain: Exploring Religious Thought in National Crisis, from the Civil War to Brexit.' Free to enter, but booking essential www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or Cloisters Shop.

Further speakers will include Dr Mark Vernon (writer, psychotherapist and broadcaster) on WW1 on 3rd March, Dr Sam Brewitt-Taylor (Lincoln College, Oxford) on the cultural revolution of the 1960s on 19th March, and Canon John Hall (recently retired as 38th Dean of Westminster and a Wiccamical Prebend here) on St George's Day (23rd April). All these events are free to attend, with donations welcome afterwards in a retiring collection.

Looking ahead to future months...

The next Friends' Coffee Morning is on Saturday 1st February, 10am - 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.

Cathedral Fellowship: 17th February at 2.30pm at 4 Canon Lane. Talk by Richard Ashby: *'Books do furnish a room: thoughts on libraries, literature and life.'* All are welcome. A donation of £1 is kindly requested. For further information please contact Michael Cox 1michaelcox@gmail.com.

The Sixteen in Concert: Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm. The Sixteen present the most popular dramatic work of Handel's lifetime: *Acis and Galatea*. A tale of love, tragedy and liberation, with the eternal love between mortal shepherd Acis and goddess Galatea doomed by the jealous cyclops Polyphemus. Conductor Harry Christophers. Tickets £15 – £30 from Box Office: 0333 010 2850 or online <https://thesixteen.com/events/handel-acis-galatea-chichester/>

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, 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

Cathedral News

The Cathedral is delighted to announce the appointment of Duncan Irvine as a new Lay Member of Chapter, the body of both Clergy and Lay staff that determine the policy for administering the Cathedral. Duncan previously served as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Duncan was born and raised in Canada to Scottish parents, and his strong attachment to Britain and love of history was instilled from birth. Duncan came to the UK when he was 18 as an undergraduate at St Andrews University, followed by a postgraduate course at the London School of Economics. A 35-year banking career then followed in both the UK and Canada.

In addition to the Cathedral, Duncan serves on the boards of a variety of charitable organisations including the West Pier Trust in Hove, the Council of Christians and Jews, and is Chair of his local secondary school in Uckfield, East Sussex. He also mentored with The Prince's Trust for 10 years.

Duncan comments: “All of the work I do for charity revolves around children, history or religion, areas to which I am passionately committed. I am humbled and honoured to have been asked to join the Chapter of Chichester Cathedral and to continue the work that I started doing with them some months ago. God has blessed me with a satisfying job and a wonderful family including six children and four grandchildren, and I hope that I am able to give some of that back to the community and the Cathedral.”

The Dean of Chichester, the Very Reverend Stephen Waine commented: “Duncan brings a wealth of skills and experience to his new position, and we look forward to working with him at this essential strategic level, supporting the sustainable development of the Cathedral and the delivery of its mission.”

The External Giving Committee

The External Giving Committee met and allocated the Cathedral's 2019/20 charitable giving as noted below:-

Needs Home

£1,000	Chichester Lifecentre
Crib Service donations	Sanctuary in Chichester
£500	Chichester Four Streets Project
£1,000	UK Harvest
£718 (Remembrance Service)	SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity
Midnight Mass donations	Stonepillow

Church Home

£1,000	Chichester Anna Chaplaincy
£2,000	Diocesan Family Support

Needs Overseas

£1,500	Against Malaria Foundation
£1,000	Busoga Trust

Church Overseas

£2,000	Church Mission Society (People in Mission Support Fund)
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Your assistance please!

Children's books needed: The Learning and Engagement team are working in partnership with Family Support Work and Home-Start who offer families in the Chichester Diocese emotional and practical support. They will be visiting us on our next Family Activity Day, Terrific Tales, on 21st February, and we are looking for donations of good quality used or new children's books, suitable for 0 - 11-year-olds, to give to the children. For details please contact Luna Russell, Families and Young People's Officer: luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812998

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

February Notes deadline: Sunday 19th January 2020. Please send your entries to Charlotte Rattray: lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk (Entries for the weekly Cathedral Notes should be sent by the Wednesday before the Sunday.)

As always, thank you!

