

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

MARCH 2020

Canon Tim Schofield is to retire this summer after 14 years as Residentiary Canon and Precentor here. His last service will be the 11.00am Sung Eucharist on Sunday 7th June. It will be followed by a reception in the South Transept when we will thank Tim and Julie for their great contribution to the Cathedral over the past 14 years and wish them well for the future. Members of the congregation will want to express their gratitude to Tim and Julie for their ministry here, and contributions towards a farewell gift to be presented on 7th June may be given to the Vergers. Please place them in an envelope marked 'Precentor's Retirement Gift.'

The Coronavirus and the Eucharist: While it is our faith that the sacraments are a means of grace and not of sickness, they are physically ministered, and we should take due care. The Diocese has issued the following guidelines which we will be following in the Cathedral.

- The presiding priest at the Eucharist will use hand sanitizer before the Preparation of the gifts of bread and wine.
- We will no longer offer the option of intinction, that is the dipping of the bread in the wine. Hands can be a source of pathogens and the dipping of the wafer into the wine can introduce germs into the cup. It can also leave traces of gluten in the wine which places those with gluten intolerance at risk. The Diocese is therefore recommending that intinction should no longer be part of our practice. If you do not wish to receive wine from the chalice, then you will receive the sacrament in one kind, that is the bread. Anglican teaching says that to receive the bread only is to receive the sacrament in its entirety.
- The Peace: If members of the congregation are concerned about a handshake then it is enough to say "peace be with you" as we turn to those around us.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches: These will be held as usual every Wednesday in Lent from 12 noon - 1.30pm at Christchurch, Old Market Avenue, Chichester, hosted by a different church each week. The Cathedral is hosting the first one, on Ash

Wednesday, (26th February), so we would love it if even more of you came and joined us for a bowl of home-made soup in aid of those in need around the world. Thank you. (*Julie Schofield*)

Cathedral Choir: This May, the Cathedral Choir will travel to Germany for a 5-day tour, visiting Bamberg, Königsberg, Pegnitz, Bayreuth and Stadtkirche. This takes place in the context of Chichester's long-standing friendship and ecumenical partnership with this part of Bavaria; previous choir tours have played an invaluable role in strengthening this relationship.

Choir tours are expensive! We are fortunate to have generous financial support from our German friends, and donations from members of the Cathedral community so far amount to £6600, but we still need to find £7500 to meet the remaining costs. In the coming weeks, chorister parents will be holding cake sales after Sunday Eucharists to help raise funds for the tour: you can help by purchasing some delicious baked goods to take home with you. If you are able to offer a donation (of any size) please contact Charles Harrison organist@chichestercathedral.org.uk 01243 812486. Thank you.

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 next date is 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 bishops' portraits, an opportunity to write with a quill and volunteers on hand to answer your queries. (*Diana Wills, Sub-Librarian*).

Be Still: The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, which explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesdays 3rd and 17th March (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 '*Paying Attention: Mark 8:35' and 'Dying to Live - 1 Corinthians 1: 23-24'*.

Friends' Spring Lunch with guest speaker Chancellor Revd Dr Dan Inman, in Vicars' Hall. Wednesday 4th March at 12.30pm. Tickets £22, available from the Cathedral Shop or events section of the Cathedral website.

Lecture: Owen Barfield and the Secret History of Christianity: Rethinking Religion after the First World War. Thursday 5th March, 6.30pm in Vicars' Hall. Dr Mark Vernon, psychotherapist and broadcaster and author of *The Secret History*

of Christianity explores the thought of Owen Barfield in the years after the First World War. This is the fourth of five Cathedral Spring Lectures 2020, a series entitled 'God and Great Britain - Exploring Religious Thought in National Crisis, from the Civil War to Brexit.' Free event but booking is essential, via the Cathedral website www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or Cloisters Shop.

Transformation of a Twentieth Century Cathedral: a specialist guided tour by Alan Bradford on Friday 6th March at 11am. The tour will focus on the transformation of Chichester Cathedral, during the second half of the twentieth century, by Patron of the Arts, Dean Walter Hussey. Tickets £7, available via website or from the Cathedral shop. Meet at the West Door for the start of the tour at 11am.

World Day of Prayer: The World Day of Prayer service for this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and is titled "*Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk*". The service in Chichester will take place at St Richard's RC Church, Cawley Road, Chichester on Friday 6th March at 2pm. Soup will be served from 1pm. All are welcome. (*Diann Berry 01243 786254*).

Friends' March Coffee Morning: Saturday 7th March, 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 architecture, great hospitality and fellowship, thought provoking talks and discussions, or 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, 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. If you wish to book, or simply have further questions, please contact Charlotte Rattray at 01243 812 488 or lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

Last chance to see 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.

Prebendal School Choral Day Concert - Saturday 14th March, in the Cathedral nave. All are welcome to come and enjoy this free event.

Cathedral Fellowship: Mike Beaman is the Fellowship's speaker on Monday 16th March. Mike sings with the Boxgrove Priory choir and our Voluntary Choir and we look forward to hearing his talk, *'In Quires and Places ... all about Cathedral voluntary and visiting choirs'*. Please join us at 2.30pm in 4, Canon Lane. A donation of £1 is requested. For further information please contact Michael Cox 1michaelcox@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Canvas Creative Work: Wednesday 18th March, 10am - 3pm. A relaxing workshop using the colourful textiles in the Cathedral as inspiration to create a canvas panel using painting and embroidery techniques. Includes a 'behind the scenes' look at vestments inspired by the Piper Tapestry. Led by Susan Fletcher, head of the Seffrid Guild, the Cathedral's Embroidery Group. All levels welcome. Tickets £50 available via www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or Cloisters Shop.

St. Paul's and City of Chichester Mothers' Union: Next meeting Thursday 19th March at St Paul's Church, Churchside (opposite Northgate car park) at 11am. Many of us attend the 10am Eucharist, and then have a coffee before the meeting starts, if you'd like to join us! At the meeting we will welcome Scilla Page who is a Trustee and Action and Outreach Coordinator in the Chichester Diocese. She will talk to us about the Mothers' Union projects in the diocese.

And please remember: our title is misleading, we do have gentlemen members and welcome anyone who would like to come to our meetings. For more information please contact Janet Watson 01243788525, or Heather Hyde 01243785633. Diocesan information can be found at www.chichestermu.org. The

Mothers' Union magazine *Families First* is available online at www.muenterprises.orgfamiliesfirst

Celebrating English Gardens: Talk with Arundel Head Gardener Martin Duncan and Margie Hoffnung of the Gardens Trust. Thursday 19th March at 2pm, at Oving Jubilee Hall, Oving. Tickets £15 to include refreshments. Tickets from the Cathedral Trust Office: 01243 813591 flowerfestival@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Lecture: 'The Church of England and the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s' Thursday 19th March 6.30pm, Vicars' Hall. Dr Sam Brewitt-Taylor, Darby Fellow in Modern History at Lincoln College, Oxford, explores how the Church responded to, and was a catalyst for, the sexual revolution and secularization in 1960s Britain. Fifth in the series 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.

The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 24th March from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by Elaine Waddington, Spiritual Accompanier. Our theme for 2020 is '*Attuning to Life*' and Elaine's title is: '*When the Roses Speak*'. For further information please contact Jane Bingeman on 01243 776223.

St Teresa of Avila: The Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group 'Be Still' will be looking at St Teresa of Avila, her life, writings, and teachings at Vicars' Hall, Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 28th March from 10.30am to 3pm (coffee/tea from 10.am.) This study day will be led by Dr Roy Norton, a lecturer at the University of Oxford, specialising in the literature and religious culture of sixteenth and seventeenth century Spain. Cost £10 for the day (not including lunch so you may like to bring your own). For further information and to reserve a place contact David Browning at bestillchichester@btinternet.com or on 01243 839922; or visit our website: www.bestillchichester.com

Lent Lecture 2020: Wednesday 25th March, 6.30pm, Vicars' Hall. Dr Ruth Valerio, author of *Say Yes to Life* (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020), reflects on the relationship between the Christian theology of creation and the current climate emergency. The Lent Lecture is free to enter but booking in advance is essential via the Cathedral website or in the Cathedral Cloisters Shop.

Chichester Singers: Vivaldi Gloria. Saturday 28th March, 7.30pm.

Vivaldi's *Gloria* is one of the most uplifting and well-known choral works, combining both joyous and reflective choral movements. The orchestra, Southern Pro Musica, will come to the fore in JS Bach's *Suite No 1 in C*. These baroque works are complemented by a contemporary work, Elis Pehkonen's *Russian Requiem*. This dramatic and powerful work, for which Chichester's magnificent Cathedral is the perfect setting, features texts including Boris Pasternak's evocative *Zhivago Poems*.

Tickets can now be bought online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-chichester-singers
The Box Office at The Novium also has limited tickets for callers by phone or in person (01243 816525). (*When they run out, you will need to buy tickets through the website or on the door.*) Wheelchair users are asked to book via Maggie Pugh maggiedpugh@aol.co.uk 07546 483830.

Looking ahead to future months...

Annual Roll Meeting: This will be in Vicars' Hall on Tuesday 28th April at 6.30pm and is a good opportunity to find out about the life of the Cathedral. All members of the Cathedral Community may attend but they must be signed up members of the Electoral Roll to vote. The roll is open to anyone who worships even occasionally at the Cathedral and it is possible to be on the Cathedral Roll as well as that of a parish church. Roll members can stand for election to the community committee of the Cathedral and the Deanery Synod although they can only stand for and vote for the latter at one place of worship. The roll is a way in which the Cathedral can be aware of and keep in touch with its membership. If you are not yet a member you can get a form to sign up to be on the roll from the Vergers who will pass the completed form to me. (*Annabelle Hancock, Electoral Roll Officer*)

Slow Art Day – Saturday 4th April. The Cathedral will be taking part in this annual event which encourages participants to slowly view five selected artworks in participating venues in their area. We plan to meet up at 10am in the Cathedral, view the selected artworks, spending about 10 minutes on each and then have a discussion over coffee afterwards. The event is free but it would be helpful if you could let us know if you would like to attend by emailing John Workman at jw50.art@gmail.com. Please also get in touch if you would like further details.

Cathedral Friends' Coffee Morning: Saturday 4th April, 10am South Transept.

Festival of Flowers 2020: The Festival takes place from 28th - 30th May and the theme is *'Realms of Glory'*. Tickets are now on sale from www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichestercathedralflowers (booking fees apply). Alternatively you can phone TicketSource on 0333 666 3366 (please note additional fees will apply for phone sales). Advance booking is advised as tickets are limited. Some may be available on the day from 11am but cannot be guaranteed.

And on a different note...

Eco-friendly paper: With the start of Lent on 26th February, our orders of service will look a bit different. They will be printed on 100% recycled paper - a sustainable product made without the harsh bleach and optical brightening agents which give paper its 'gleaming white' appearance, but which are so harmful to the environment. This is all part of our efforts to watch our environmental footprint and help combat climate change.

As an organization, our use of paper is huge; according to my calculations you could build a tower 81m high, if you stacked all the reams we use in a year... that's just a few metres shy of the height of the Cathedral spire! We will still produce the 'yellows' - larger print versions of the orders of service, and the stewards will be happy to provide you with one of these if you wish. (*Charlotte Rattray, Liturgy and Music Assistant.*)

Cups and Saucers! As many of you already know the Flower Stall in the Cloisters sells flower arrangements during the Festival of Flowers (28th - 30th May 2020). Most popular are the cup and saucer arrangements. These sold out quite quickly in the last festival and were instrumental in the stall's huge success! Please would you kindly help us by putting by any unwanted cups and saucers, preferably bone china, which you no longer require. If we start collecting now we should have enough for the duration of the Festival. We have space at the Trust office in the Cloisters if you wish for urgent cupboard space! We really appreciate your support, thank you! (*Rhona Scott, Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust*)

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

April Notes deadline: 15th March 2020.

Please send your entries to Charlotte Rattray:
lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk Thank you!
