

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 24 MAY
PENTECOST

This sheet contains the hymns, readings and prayers of the day for this service; you can follow all other parts of the service in the white 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

From 10.55am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434),

tr. R. F. Littledale (1833-1890)

Music: DOWN AMPNEY,

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

PSALM 104: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

Praise the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works : in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made : and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

And so shall my words please him : my joy shall be in the Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-23

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.

Words: *Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)*

Music: *CHARITY, John Stainer (1840-1901)*

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of Both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: *John Cosin (1594-1672)*

Music: *VENI CREATOR, mode viii,
melody from Vesperale Romanum*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: HERFORD, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Sung by the Choir of St Andrew's, Fulham Fields

Mass Setting:	Communion Service in C <i>John Ireland (1879-1962)</i>
Motet:	Ave verum corpus <i>William Byrd (1540-1623)</i>
Closing Music:	Tuba Tune <i>Philip Moore (b. 1943)</i>

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.30am **Quiet prayer** (St Clement Chapel)

7.45am **Morning Prayer** (St Clement Chapel)

8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Thursday

10.30am **Holy Communion**
according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 31 May—Trinity Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers

10.00am **Choral Mattins**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Evening Prayer** (said—Bishop's Palace Chapel)

Visiting choirs We are delighted to welcome the following groups to sing our services when the Cathedral choir is away:

23/24 May, *all weekend services*—St Andrew's, Fulham Fields

25-29 May, *Evensong at 5.30pm*—Zephyrus Early Music Vocal Ensemble from Charlottesville, Virginia

Next Sunday the Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong at All Saints, Crawley Down, at 4.00pm.

Service schedule during Festival of Flowers Please note that some services may be at a slightly different time or location to normal during the Festival of Flowers. Additionally there will be no refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist on 31 May or 7 June. Please see the box overleaf for details.

NOTICES

SussexFest, Sunday 14 June Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St Richard of Chichester, patron saint of Sussex. There will be no separate Families service or Mattins on this day—we invite our whole community to come together for a **Sung Eucharist at 10.00am**, and to stay for family-friendly festivities outside afterwards.

SussexFest on the Cathedral Green is a joyful gathering celebrating the best of Chichester and Sussex in a day of family entertainment, discovery and community pride. There will be activities, entertainment, food & drink and the chance to discover the stories, creativity and communities that make our county such a special place to live, visit and enjoy.

No booking required and admission & activities are free (food & drink excluded).

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts This week, 26 May at 1.10pm, we welcome Margalida Soll Malord (piano). Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug. Please note there is no concert the following week, 2 June, due to the Festival of Flowers.

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor as Bishop of Chichester. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. welcome responses from everyone.

Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/

Friends' Coffee Morning Due to the Festival of Flowers on the first Saturday of June, the next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 30 May. Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for a coffee, cake and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral's South Transept at 10.00—11.15am.

Christian Aid 70k in May A number of families in the 9.00am congregation have signed up to Christian Aid's '70k in May' challenge. On legs, bikes, scooters and buggies, each of them is aiming to cover 70km over the month of May, hopefully including some walks together and lots of encouragement for the smallest sets of legs. Please keep them in your prayers this month, and consider if you might sponsor them: visit <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2026/chichester-cathedral-families>

George Bell House Bible Fellowship next session 28 May. The new series is entitled Journeying in Faith with St Paul, looking at the Apostle's life and teaching as the Church spread across the Mediterranean world. Sessions will be fortnightly, all in George Bell House on Thursday afternoons, 2.15pm for a 2.30 start and finishing with a cup of tea at 3.45pm. Please email nigel.ashworth@chichestercathedral.org.uk to register.

Baskets and Bottles Do you have any baskets or bottles of wine you can donate to the Festival of Flowers? Baskets are used for flower arrangements (along with cups & saucers and jam jars, sold on our stall in the Cloisters during the Festival); wine is given as a prize in our "bottlebola". Both can be left at the Trust Office in the Cloisters. Many thanks indeed.

Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust

Chichester Cathedral Friends All are welcome at Friends events. Book via 01243 812980 (Tuesday/Friday mornings) or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends.

- Visit to Bletchley Park, Saturday 13 June. Limited number of tickets still available.
- Thursday 18 June, Friends AGM and Festival Day. Tickets for the AGM buffet lunch are £35 each; there is no charge for the rest of the day.
- Friends Summer Drinks Party, Tuesday 28 July in the Deanery Gardens.
- Three day visit to Lichfield Cathedral and the National Memorial Arboretum, Monday 14–Wednesday 16 September.

Further details on all events from the website above.

Festival of Flowers service schedule

31 May Cathedral closes after Eucharist (no refreshments); Evening Prayer, 3.00pm, Bishop's Palace Chapel
Mon-Sat Morning Prayer (7.45am) and Holy Communion (8.00am), High Altar
1-2 June Evening Prayer (said), 5.30pm, Bishop's Palace Chapel
3 June Choral Evensong, 5.15pm (note earlier time), Quire
4 June BCP Holy Communion, 10.30am, Bishop's Palace Chapel; Choral Evensong, 5.30pm, Quire
5-6 June Choral Evensong, 5.30pm, Quire
7 June Services as normal (no refreshments after Eucharist)

Safeguarding To follow on from our last update in January, we have had our first congregation safeguarding forum take place at the end of March. We are very grateful for the helpful insights provided by those who attended. Our next step is to conduct a congregation survey to help us understand what additional work we can do to ensure our community is a safe and welcoming space for all. Please keep an eye out in the coming months for more information about this.

If you are interested in finding out more about the congregation safeguarding forum, or would like to speak to our Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, you can email hannah.cashman@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Two Weeks to go until Festival of Flowers

The Festival of Flowers returns to Chichester Cathedral from 3 to 6 June, transforming the building into a spectacular celebration of colour, creativity and nature. Tickets from £21 are on sale now.

The Festival plays a vital role in supporting the Cathedral's ongoing work. Since 1996 the Festival has contributed more than £1.4 million towards the care and life of the Cathedral.

Marking its 30th anniversary this year, the Festival promises over 50,000 blooms, 66 floral displays and inspiring installations created by more than 150 floral artists.

A special VIP Preview Evening on 2 June offers an exclusive first look at the displays, with Tinwood sparkling wine, Jacaranda canapés, live music and access to the Festival Market.

Pre-booking is recommended for priority entry. chichestercathedral.org.uk/flowerfestival

Southern Cathedrals Festival 2026 will be held in Chichester from 16-19 July, with the combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury & Winchester Cathedrals performing in a vibrant programme of events, performances and services in Chichester Cathedral and other distinguished settings around the historic city centre. Public booking is now open. To become a Festival Patron, email richard.paterson@chichestercathedral.org.uk, or for full details pick up a leaflet or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/scf2026

If you are able to make a donation to the Cathedral...

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- **Online** Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral'; **By phone** 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00; **By post** Using the PGS application form. A copy is available to collect from the Visitors' Desk or the Vergers' Office.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a **notice relevant to the ministry and mission of the Cathedral** that you would like to submit for this notice sheet, please contact: chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk by 5pm on Tuesday.