

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 green 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Nigel Ashworth, Priest Vicar

TODAY'S MUSIC

Sung by Lees Court Music

Mass Setting: Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Motet: Remember not, Lord, our offences

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Closing Music: Melody in G minor

York Bowen (1884-1961)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
praise with us the God of grace.

Words: *H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)*

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, *John Goss (1800-1880)*

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33: 7-11

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 119: 33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

SECOND READING Romans 13: 8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness,

not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood:
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

Words: *Liturgy of St James*
tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: PICARDY, *French carol melody in*
Chansons Populaires Vol. 4 (Paris 1860)

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded;
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
light, who dost my soul enlighten;
joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
fount, whence all my being floweth;
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: *Johann Franck (1618-1677)*

tr. *Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, *Melody from J. Crüger's*
Geistliche Kirchen-Melodien (1649)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: J. R. Peacey (1896-1971),
based on Ephesians 5: 6-20

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM, Grenoble church
melody harmonised by Michael Fleming (1928-2006)

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** (Monday/Tuesday—said
Evening Prayer)

Thursday

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

Sunday 13 September—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers
10.00am **Choral Mattins**
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

On Wednesday 9 September we welcome Chantry Quire
to sing Evensong. The Cathedral Choir returns from
Thursday 10 September.

NOTICES

Canon Nigel Ashworth Today we bid farewell to Nigel,
who leaves the Cathedral to take up his appointment as
Rector of St Wulfran's Church, Ovingdean. We have been
very grateful for Nigel's ministry here at the Cathedral
and there will be a presentation to him at the 11am
Eucharist. He goes with our prayers and best wishes for
the future. Nigel's licensing at St Wulfran's takes place on
Tuesday 20 October at 7.30pm. It is a very small church:
if you would like to go, please could you contact Nigel
directly.

Collect of St Wulfran

*Almighty Father, inspire us to follow the example of Saint
Wulfran, who renounced worldly power to bring others to
faith, to heal the sick, to bring children to safety and to care
for the vulnerable and weak. May we in our generation
rejoice with him in the vision of your glory; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Amen.

Confirmation We will soon be starting to prepare
candidates for Confirmation in November. This will be
run by Canon Vanessa Baron. We are intending to
present candidates in the younger age group at this time
and a course for adults who would like to be confirmed
will take place in the new year – looking towards
Confirmation at Easter. If you are interested in being
confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy.

Notice of Revision of the Electoral & Community

Rolls Notice is hereby given that the (Parish Equivalent)
Electoral and Community Roll of the Cathedral Church of
the Holy Trinity (Chichester Cathedral) will be revised
between Wednesday 26 August – Tuesday 8 September.
A copy of the current Roll is available at the West Doors
(please ask if you want to view it); if your name is on the
list do nothing. Your name will remain on the Roll. If your
contact details have changed in the last year, or if any of
the following bullets apply (making you ineligible to be on
the roll), please contact

chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk to update:

- You have become a clerk in Holy Orders
- You state in writing the wish to be removed
- You were not entitled to enrol last year
- You have not habitually attended public worship
in the Cathedral in the preceding six months

If you are not on the Roll and are eligible to join, email
Chris as above for a form or collect one from the team at
the West Doors or Vergers' Office.

Full instructions are included on the form itself. Forms
must be returned no later than Tuesday 8 September. The
revised Roll will be published on Wednesday 9
September. The Annual Community Meeting will take
place on Wednesday 23 September (following Choral
Evensong).

Tales from the Cathedral Library *Why does Matthew
Parker deserve our praise?* Tuesday 8 September, 10.00am,
George Bell House. Matthew Parker was Queen Elizabeth's
first Archbishop of Canterbury between 1559 and 1575, yet
his reputation is mixed and his work only recently coming
to be appreciated. Was he a scholar out of his depth or a
canny archbishop who dealt well with the hand he was
forced to play? The *Tales from the Cathedral Library* series
offers a chance to learn about the Library's treasures in a
welcoming, intimate setting, led by Cathedral Sub-Librarian
Dr Andrew Foster and Canon Chancellor The Revd Dr Earl
Collins. To book please see the website.

Cathedral Cleaning Party, Saturday 12 September,
10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome! Please come to clean
the Cathedral for the visit of Archbishop Richard Moth on
Wednesday 16 September.

University Graduations Please note the Cathedral will be closed to visitors from Monday 14–Friday 18 September inclusive when we host the Graduation ceremonies of the University of Chichester. Services will take place as normal; the BCP Communion service on Thursday 17 will be held in the Bishop’s Palace Chapel. Evensong on Wednesday 16 will be attended by Archbishop Richard Moth – all are welcome at 5.30pm.

John Piper at Chichester Cathedral *A talk by The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron* Monday 14 September, 3.00-4.30pm, at West Sussex Record Office (Orchard Street) and online. Canon Vanessa’s talk will include the background to the tapestry’s commission, with reference to the correspondence held at the Record Office; an overview of Piper’s longstanding interest in churches; a look at the other influences on the design of the tapestry, his willingness to work with new materials and his collaborative work with other people. Tickets can be obtained through www.wsro.org.uk, at £5 to attend online and £8 to attend in person.

Chancellor’s Autumn Lectures 2026 Building on Chichester Cathedral’s long tradition of engaging with sacred art, these lectures will reflect on how artists across the centuries - from the creators of early icons to modern figures such as celebrated artist and printmaker John Piper - have sought to express the divine through colour, form, and imagination. Starting on 22 September (6.30pm, Vicars’ Hall), *The Theology of the Icon – Symbols and Images in Christian Art*. Despite the prohibition on images in the Old Testament, Christianity soon developed its own splendid artistic traditions to express faith. This illustrated lecture from Canon Chancellor Revd Dr Earl Collins will explore the origins of Christian art, the emergence of the icon in Byzantium, and the theology behind it, as well as the violent opposition images sometimes aroused. It will consider how art can both express theology and foster contemplation and prayer. Tickets at £10 each (including a glass of wine or soft drink) are available through the website. Subsequent dates are 6 October, 20 October, 3 November.

Join the Cathedral team at the Chichester Half Marathon (Sunday 4 October 2026) This year Chichester Cathedral is proud to be an official charity partner of the Chichester Half Marathon, with a number of complimentary race entries available for those who would like to run and raise funds for the Cathedral. If you, or a family member, friend, child or grandchild aged 17 or over, would be interested in taking part, we’d be delighted to share more information. We’re also keen to recruit volunteers to help steward the event route in the city centre, particularly around the Cathedral and Market Cross. To register your interest in either running or volunteering, please email oliver.tubb@chichestercathedral.org.uk with the subject line “Chichester Half Marathon”.

Clothes Swap Saturday 3 October, 10-11.30am, Vicars Hall - see website for details. So that our rails are generously filled and ready to go we are accepting good quality clothes before the event. You can drop them off at the Estates Office, Cathedral Cloisters, for the attention of Victoria Sutton.

Light Experience Running from 23 – 31 October 2026. Tickets are now available via the Cathedral website.

Annual Meeting All those interested in Cathedral life are welcome to join our Annual Meeting. On Wednesday 23 September, the event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong (commencing at 5.30pm and sung by the Choir of St Paul’s Church, Chichester) before the formal start of the Annual Meeting around 6.30pm. The Meeting will be followed by light hospitality in the Cathedral kindly provided by Cloisters Kitchen & Garden. If you are planning to attend, please register via the website (What’s On section and navigate to 23 September) so we have an idea of numbers.

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.

If you have any **safeguarding concerns** in relation to the Cathedral, please contact safeguarding@chichestercathedral.org.uk or speak to a member of our Safeguarding team [please see the website or our Safeguarding posters for more details].

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

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the Cathedral by Direct Debit on a regular basis. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it directly back to the Cathedral. **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.