CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Chancellor, The Revd Dr Earl Collins

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass Setting:	Messa à Quattro Voci *Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*
Motet:	Sacerdotes Domini *William Byrd (1540-1623)*
Closing music:	Wachet auf, BWV 645 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Hymns are taken from The New English Hymnal (NEH).

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

ENTRANCE HYMN – *NEH 9*

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Words: *Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*
Music: HELMSLEY, *melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799). Included in Wesley's* Select Hymns *(1765)*

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80: 1-7

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the

testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

GOSPEL READING Mark 13: 24-end
Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

OFFERTORY HYMN – *NEH 10*
Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his People's burden,
freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ring…

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected
nurtured and protected.
Ring, bells, ring…

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Words: *F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*
Music: PERSONENT HODIE, *melody from* Piae Cantiones *(1582)*

COMMUNION HYMN – *NEH 18*
Please remain seated
Ye servants of the Lord
each for your master wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for aweful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he,
in such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amidst the angelic band.

Words: *Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*
Music: NARENZA, *melody from Leisentritt's* Catholicum Hymnologium Germanicum *(1584). Adapted by W. H. Havergal (1793-1870) from the* Cöln Gesangbuch *(1619)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN – *NEH 7*

Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.

Words: *Based on Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865)*
Music: LITTLE CORNARD, *Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

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 **Evening Prayer** said (Monday & Friday – **Choral Evensong**)

Thursday

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

Sunday 6 December—Second Sunday of Advent

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

Wednesday 2, 7.30pm West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Carol Service

NOTICES

Cathedral Choir at the Festival Theatre This week the Cathedral Choir will be performing alongside The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood in Chichester Festival Theatre's annual Christmas Concerts. Performances are at 7.30pm from Tuesday 1 – Saturday 5 December, with additional matinée shows at 2.30pm on Thursday and Saturday. Tickets are available from www.cft.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to speak with members of the Safeguarding Team on Safeguarding Sunday and to those who have already completed our safeguarding survey. We greatly value your feedback and conversations. Your views help us ensure that safeguarding information is accessible, visible and meaningful across our Cathedral community.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, there is still time. The survey will remain open until early January and we would be grateful to hear your thoughts. It can be accessed by scanning the QR code below, or paper copies are available in the South Transept.

Thank you for helping us continue to build a safe and welcoming Cathedral for all.

Advent and Christmas Services

All are welcome – booking is not required for any service. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Underlined services will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral website, Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday 29 November, 4.30pm – Advent Procession

Friday 18, Saturday 19, Sunday 20, Monday 21 December – Carol Services (Friday/Monday at 6.00pm, Saturday/Sunday at 3.00pm)

Christmas Eve – Children's Carols at the Crib at 11.00am/2.00pm; Evensong at 6.00pm; Midnight Mass at 11.00pm

Christmas Day – BCP Eucharist at 8.00am; Children, Families & Caregivers Eucharist at 9.00am; Choral Mattins at 10.00am; Choral Eucharist at 11.00am

Sunday 3 January, 6.00pm – Epiphany Procession

Please see the website for full details.

Advent Procession All are welcome to join us at 4.30pm this afternoon for this special candlelit service moving from darkness to light, as we await our celebrations of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, with readings, congregational carols and music sung by the Cathedral Choir. This service will also be livestreamed.

A Look at the Nativity: Quiet Day Friday 11 December, 9.30-5.30, George Bell House. On this Pre-Christmas Quiet Day at George Bell House, we invite participants to step out of the intensity of this busy period into a day of contemplation using the spoken word and artworks on the theme of the Nativity. Each session will be followed

by a period of reflection before a time for comment and questions. The retreat will be guided by John Workman, an art history postgraduate researcher and member of the Cathedral congregation and Earl Collins, the Canon Chancellor. There is no charge but prior booking (via the website) is essential as space is limited.

Courses at the Cathedral this Advent

The Three Comings of God, with Canon Earl Collins
This will explore Advent through the prayers and hymns of the season as a spiritual path of openness to the constant coming of God in our lives.
7pm on 9 December on Zoom
or 7.30pm on 17 December at the Deanery

Christmas: The Word became Flesh and Lived Among us, with Canon Earl Collins
This will examine the midnight, dawn and day celebrations of Christmas and how they inspire faith in 'Emmanuel', the 'God who is with us'.
7pm on 16 December on Zoom (only)

All **Zoom links** will be available on the Cathedral website or by e-mail from Canon Earl Collins.

The **George Bell House Bible Fellowship** continues through Advent, with sessions in George Bell House on
2-4pm on Wednesday 2 December
2-4pm on Wednesday 16 December

The shop will be open after the Eucharist on 29 November and 6 December – call in to see the beautiful range of items, and on Sundays you can claim 20% off Christmas cards.

Brigadier Tim Bevan, former Director of the Cathedral Restoration Trust has died after a short illness, aged 87. A service of Thanksgiving will be held on Monday 30 November at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford, Berkshire. For those who would like to attend by live stream the link is:
https://www.youtube.com/live/yCbeRlvlWJ4?is=LMkhbhpyIwdo2oYR

The Greatest Gift is a free family trail, featuring Wilfrid the Seal, exploring the Christmas story and uncovering the special gifts within it. Wilfrid is very excited about all the presents, but begins to wonder: What is the true gift of Christmas? With things to find, questions to ponder and activities to enjoy together, Wilfrid will guide children and their grown-ups around the Cathedral.
The trail is available from the main entrance between Saturday 28 November and Sunday 3 January.

Calling the Holy Dusters Saturday 12 December, 10.00-12.00. Please come along to clean, dust and polish the Cathedral in preparation for Christmas. All are welcome.

Friends Coffee Morning Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for coffee, cake and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month (5 December) in the Cathedral's South Transept. 10.00-11.15am.

From the Friends Tickets are now on sale for the ***Friends Advent Concert*** (3 December, 7.00pm, Vicars' Hall, £20) and ***Epiphany Lunch*** (19 January, 12.30pm, Vicars' Hall, £35). For more details and to book please see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends

Worthing Theological Society The next lecture will take place on Monday 30 November (West Worthing Baptist Church, 7.45pm), entitled *Called on the mountain to serve on the plain: priorities for Ministry Formation.* Bishop Humphrey Southern will reflect on priorities (as he sees them) for the training and formation of clergy and ministers for the contemporary church. Admission is free with a retiring collection to defray expenses. Further information from honsecwts1@outlook.com

Chichester Food Bank Christmas Appeal Will you help Chichester District Foodbank support local people facing hunger and hardship this winter? As the cost of living continues to surge, more people are being forced to choose between heating their homes and putting food on the table, while parents face the heartbreaking reality of struggling to afford everyday essentials and give their children the Christmas they deserve. With your support, Chichester District Foodbank can offer a little breathing space, practical help and the reassurance that someone cares. Please visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/cdf-christmas-appeal to give - every donation, whatever the size, really does make a difference.

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…
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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.