

DIARY NOTES & NEWS CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

NEWS & INFORMATION

Easter Garden

We will be creating an Easter Garden this year in the Mary Magdelene Chapel, with the help of our families and young children. This activity will take place at 10.00am on 30th March, and more information will be given to families on Sunday 17th March.

If you are interested in taking part, or have any questions, please contact Sarah Castle-Smith:

T: 07989476754

Feet washing for Maundy Thursday

We are looking for 12 members of the congregation who would like their feet to be washed at part of our Maundy Thursday service, taking place at 7.00pm on Thursday 28th March.

If you would like to take part, please contact Thomas Roberts:

E: thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk | **T:** 01243 812 488

Easter Lilies in Memory of the Departed

This year St Clement's Chapel will contain special displays of Easter Lilies in memory of those who have died. Using this chapel will enable people to sit, pray and remember those who they love but who have died. The names of those who are being commemorated will be displayed in the Chapel.

If you would like to contribute towards this display, please make a donation of £5.00, either in the Cathedral, or online ([HTTPS://LOOM.LY/KACZTIM](https://loom.ly/kacztim)).

Once you've made your donation, please contact Thomas Roberts with the name/s that you wish to be included as part of the display:

T: 01243 812 488 | **E:** thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Call for Visiting Choirs

We have vacancies for visiting choirs to sing for our services on the following dates after Easter:

- Weekends of 13th and 14th (particularly suitable for local groups due to a Goodwood event);
- Wednesday Evensongs on 24th April, 1st, 15th and 22nd May;
- Half term week 27th – 31st May, especially for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday Friday 30th May;
- Morning services only on Sunday 2nd June.

If you are interested, please contact Thomas Roberts:

T: 01243 812 488 | **E:** thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Living in Love & Faith

The Interim Dean and Cathedral Chapter would like to offer any interested members of the Cathedral Community the opportunity to attend the Church of England's *Living in Love and Faith* course. This video-based course helps participants to explore how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. The course, rooted in the Pastoral Principles, has also been designed to allow members of the Church family to ask: 'What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?'

The course will run from George Bell House once a month from 2.15 pm to 4.15 pm on 9/6/24, 7/7/24, 4/8/24, 1/9/24, 6/10/24 and 24/11/24.

If you would be interested in learning more about the course, or participating in it, please contact Canon Jack before 24th May 2024:
E: jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Baptisms

If you would like to explore Baptism in 2024, please contact any of the clergy team. We offer the Sacrament of Baptism throughout the year and are always delighted to explore this with people.

First Communions

Following the successful introduction of First Communions at the Cathedral in 2023, the Cathedral will be celebrating a First Communion service at the Children and Family Service on Sunday 9th June 2024 at 9.15am. If you have a child who is seven or above and they would like to make their First Communion, please write to Canon Jack. All candidates for First Communion will need to attend a total of three preparation sessions. Each session runs from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The first two sessions are in Vicar's Hall and the last is in George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. The sessions will run on Sundays 5th and 12th and 19th May 2024.

For further details contact Canon Jack by 2nd March 2024:

E: jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Confirmations

Any child aged 11 or above who would like to explore Confirmation is invited to be in contact with Canon Dan by 22 April 2024. Bishop Ruth will be confirming candidates in the Cathedral during the evening of Tuesday 25th June, 2024. If you have not yet been baptised, the sacrament of baptism can also be offered before Confirmation.

Classes to help young people to explore and prepare for Confirmation will take place during the 11.15 am Eucharistic service in the Cathedral on the following Sundays: 5/5/24, 12/5/24, 19/5/24, 26/5/24, 9/6/24, 16/6/24 and 23/6/24. It is important that confirmation candidates are able to commit to attending these sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Canon Dan.

For further details contact Canon Dan:

E: daniel.inman@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Extending Hospitality: Appeal for Help

We would like to ensure that when members of the congregation meet together in George Bell House for small study groups (such as Lent Groups) we can offer some basic hospitality, which might include hot soup. To do this we need a small group of people who are willing to help. It does not mean that you are required to make the soup, but you will need to take a basic Food Hygiene course (the Cathedral would organise this as a group session). Please contact Canon Vanessa Baron if you might be interested.

For further details contact Canon Vanessa:

E: vanessa.baron@chichestercathedral.org.uk

UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome to attend services at Chichester Cathedral. Details about our upcoming pattern of services over the next two weeks can be found below.

Monday 11th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 9.30am **Mass for the Cathedral Community Lent Retreat**
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Vicars*

Tuesday 12th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Wednesday 13th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 3.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** *Lady Chapel*
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by Worth School Choir*

Thursday 14th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer*
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Friday 15th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Saturday 16th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*
9.15am **Children, Families & Caregivers Service**
10.15am **Choral Mattins**
11.15am **Sung Eucharist** *(also live-streamed)*
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** *(also live-streamed)*

Monday 18th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Tuesday 19th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Wednesday 20th March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
3.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** *Lady Chapel*
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

Thursday 21st March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
10.30am **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer*
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Vicars*

Friday 22nd March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
5.30pm **Evening prayer** *said*

Saturday 23rd March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
8.30am **Mattins** *said*
3.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*
9.15am **Children, Families & Caregivers Service**
10.15am **Choral Mattins**
11.15am **Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms** *(also live-streamed)*
1.30pm **Baptism**
3.00pm **Service of Readings and Anthems for Holy Week** *(also live-streamed)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunchtime Concerts

WHEN: Tuesday (Termtime; 1.10pm)

WHERE: Cathedral Nave

Chichester Cathedral's popular lunchtime concerts take place on Tuesdays at 1.10pm during term time, in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Nave.

They are free and last approximately 50 minutes. There is a retiring collection.

Women and the Church of England in the Twentieth Century | The Novelist-Philosopher: Evelyn Underhill and her circle (1875-1941)

WHEN: Tuesday 13th March (6.30pm)

WHERE: Vicars' Hall

In the third of the series, our Canon Precentor invites us to explore the life and work of theologian Evelyn Underhill in the company of **Prof Jane Shaw**.

While the ordination of women to the priesthood did not occur until 1994 in the Church of England, the influence of women upon English religious and cultural life was nonetheless considerable. This series considers five Anglican women who shaped national life in different ways and whose religious and cultural influence is still felt.

The Anglican theologian Evelyn Underhill was central to the revival of mysticism in the early twentieth century, through her writings, in her leading of retreats and prayer groups, and as a spiritual director. In this lecture we will explore Underhill's work in these areas, and her influence on a group of Anglican women - scholars, poets, playwrights, teachers, retreat house wardens, and ecumenists - who are largely forgotten now but, encouraged and supported by Underhill, made significant contributions to theology and spirituality.

Prof. Jane Shaw is the Principal of Harris Manchester College, Professor of the History of Religion, and a Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Oxford. An Anglican priest, she has been Dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, Dean for Religious Life at Stanford University, and Dean of Divinity at New College, Oxford. She is currently writing a book about Modern Mysticism.

To book your space, please visit the Cathedral website. Spaces are free of charge, however donations are most welcome:
CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK

Cathedral Fellowship: Richard's Great Rail Journeys

WHEN: Tuesday 19th March (2.15pm)

WHERE: George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

Richard Ashby has loved trains and railways since his earliest years. In this presentation he takes us on a journey from the wooden trains of childhood to his European and cross-continental journeys and his railway holidays in Switzerland.

Richard was Head of Libraries and Archives in Bath and North East Somerset before retiring to Chichester where he has been a member of the Cathedral Congregation for 16 years. Amongst other activities he looks after the Cathedral Fellowship.

At the Cathedral Fellowship members of the congregation and their friends get together to greet old friends and to make new ones. If you are new to the Congregation, it's an excellent opportunity to meet new people and to begin to feel at home. We meet once a month for a talk or presentation on a wide range of topics, some of which are related to the Cathedral and Christian belief and practice and others are of more general interest. All our presenters are informal and approachable. There are no tickets and no membership, though we ask for a donation to cover expenses.

We generally meet at George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane with the talk followed by questions and discussion and the all-important cup of tea. We start at 2.15pm and the gathering lasts about 75 minutes. Everyone is very welcome.

For further information contact Richard Ashby by email at fellowship@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 372234.
Details of the Spring Programme will be published in March.

Chichester Singers: Haydn, Bernstein & Jonathan Willcocks

WHEN: Saturday 23rd March (7.30pm)

WHERE: Cathedral Nave

The Chichester Singers perform works by Haydn, Bernstein and Jonathan Willcocks. The classical elegance of Haydn – Te Deum is contrasted by the evocative colour of Bernstein – Chichester Psalms (which was originally commissioned for performance in Chichester Cathedral) and the expressive beauty of Finzi's elegy for solo tenor and strings Dies Natalis. Remaining close to home, the second half of the programme features Jonathan Willcocks – A Great and Glorious Victory which dramatically chronicles the events of the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar with an overriding message of the triumph of humanity over the horrors of warfare.

Tickets start from £20.00 and can be purchased through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

Library Open Days

WHEN: Tuesday 2nd April (10.00am – 12.00pm)

WHERE: Cathedral Library (via the Treasury)

The Library Team invite you to climb the 40 steps up to the Library. It is open to the public on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. You will hear interesting facts about the Library and its contents. We can assure you of a warm welcome and an informative time.

Friends | Monthly Coffee Mornings

WHEN: Saturday 6th April (10.00am)

WHERE: South Transept

Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for a coffee, biscuit and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral's South Transept at 10.00am - 11.15am. Everyone is welcome at all of our events. You can also bring a friend, so please come and join us! No booking required - just pop in.

Newcomer Drinks

WHEN: Tuesday 9th April and Tuesday 11th June (6.45pm, or after Evening Prayer or Evensong)

WHERE: George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

We would love the opportunity of meeting our community's newest members, including any folks who have joined us over the last six months. Why not join us for the service of evening prayer or Choral Evensong, at 5.30pm, directly before drinks in George Bell House?

The Sixteen: The Choral Pilgrimage 2024

WHEN: Saturday 13th April (7.30pm)

WHERE: Cathedral Nave

Celebrating the art of imitation, The Sixteen's 2024 Choral Pilgrimage explores music from the master of parody, Orlande de Lassus, alongside works by Josquin, Casulana and Bob Chilcott. The richly sensual choral music of Renaissance master Orlande de Lassus provides a stunning centrepiece to The Sixteen's 2024 pilgrimage programme. Music that speaks of love earthly and divine, his motets, masses and madrigals were written over 300 years ago. But they still have the immediacy and intricacy to resonate with us today, especially when heard in the lofty surrounds of stunning chapels, churches and cathedrals. Daringly designed and stitched in fine detail, they are in fact tailored from scraps of other music, whether Lassus' own, the music of his revered predecessor Josquin or the monochrome beauty of plainchant. We will revive this imitation game by commissioning a new piece clothed in material borrowed from Lassus, and wrap it around two exquisite madrigals from Maddalena Casulana. An Italian lutenist and singer, she was the first

female composer in the history of western music to have a whole book of her works printed. Something old, something new, something borrowed...

Tickets range from £5.00 - £35.00 and can be purchased through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

London Concertante - A Night at the Opera by Candlelight

WHEN: Saturday 20th April (7.30pm)

WHERE: Cathedral Nave

London Concertante presents a sensational evening at the opera with an array of the finest opera arias and overtures, performing works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart. Enjoy some of the best from Madame Butterfly, Turandot, Tosca, The Barber of Seville, Carmen, Così fan tutte and so much more. Experience the thrill, drama, and romance of some of opera's most beloved and immersive stories, performed by acclaimed live orchestra, London Concertante, and some of the UK's greatest opera singers – all presented by spectacular candlelight as part of their sell-out Candlelight Concerts series.

Tickets prices start from £21.00 and can be purchased through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

Cathedral Friends: Book after Breakfast with Canon Dan

WHEN: Thursday 25th April (10.00am)

WHERE: George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

Chichester Cathedral Friends are pleased to present *Book after Breakfast* on Thursday 25th April 2024 at George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. Tea and coffee, and biscuits, will be served at 10am followed by an informal talk by The Reverend Dr Dan Inman on the book *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan (Faber & Faber 2022).

On this book, Canon Dan says: "This short novella draws us into the world of 1980s Ireland and the story of a coal merchant, Bill Furlong, discovering the

unnerving secrets of a local community. An exploration of a community's complicity in covering up the truth and one man's decency, it is a beautifully written study of human nature." Shortlisted for the Booker Prize and winner of the Orwell Prize in 2022, and shortly to be made into a film, *Small Things Like These* is considered as one of the finest offerings from Irish fiction in recent years.

All are very welcome at Friends events. Tickets cost £5.00 and you can book by calling The Friends on Tuesday and Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

Friends | Monthly Coffee Mornings

WHEN: Saturday 4th May (10.00am)

WHERE: South Transept

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WHERE: Cathedral Library (via the Treasury)

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Residential Retreat: The Mysteries of the Kingdom: The Beatitudes and the Christian Life

WHEN: Monday 12th – Tuesday 14th May

WHERE: George Bell House

This event is now fully booked. To add your name to a waiting list, please contact bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Spaces cost £180 per person or £150 per person to share a twin room.

Please contact our bookings team:

T: 01243 813586 | **E:** bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Friends: Watts Gallery and Chapel Coach Trip

WHEN: Tuesday 21st May 2024 (9.00am - 4.30pm)

Join the Cathedral Friends on a day out to the Watts Gallery and the magnificent Chapel in the village of Compton, near Guildford. During the visit you will have the opportunity to see the Arts and Crafts Chapel designed by Mary Watts in dramatic stucco and terracotta, as well as the Gallery dedicated to the work of George Frederic Watts (1817-1904).

Enjoy coffee and biscuits on arrival and a sandwich lunch in the Old Kiln private dining room (meat, fish and vegetarian options available). After lunch you will have free time to explore the artists' historic home and studio Limnerslease, discover the story of George and Mary and the Compton Pottery, purchase artisan crafts in the shop and contemporary gallery, or visit an exhibition of De Morgan pottery. You may also explore the gardens and extensive woodlands. There is much to see at the Watts Chapel and Gallery, and this day out is bound to inspire.

Tickets for the day cost £65 including coach travel, coffee, entrance fees, a guided tour and a sandwich lunch. The group size is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

You can book by calling the Friends on Tuesday or Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends

Cathedral Friends: Festival Day and AGM

WHEN: Thursday 13th June 2024 (From midday)

The Friends are pleased to announce our Festival Day & AGM with lunch on 13th June 2024. Friends are welcome to attend all or any part of the day.

Booking is required for the lunch only.

Schedule:

- **Midday:** Eucharist in the Lady Chapel;
- **12.45 for 1.00pm:** A delicious two-course Lunch in the Assembly Rooms;
- **2.30pm:** AGM in the Cathedral Nave;
- **3.00pm:** We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Prof Jane Longmore, Vice Chancellor of the University of Chichester;
- **3.45pm:** Tea and cake in George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane.

Our guest speaker, Professor Jane Longmore, took up the post as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Chichester in May 2017 and has led the completion of the £35million Creative and Digital Technology Park at the Bognor Regis campus and opened the School of Nursing and Allied Health in Chichester. Both are key initiatives in accelerating the provision of higher skills in West Sussex. She is also a member of the Sussex Health and Care Assembly. Jane is a Professor of Urban History, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Historical Society in 2014. We look forward to welcoming Jane on our special Friends day.

Join us for a delicious 2-course lunch in The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester, at 12:45 for 1.00pm. You will be welcomed with a drink on arrival, followed by a buffet of seasonal salads and a selection of hand-made quiches with meat, fish and vegetarian options, and a lovely choice of summer desserts. Please mention any dietary requirements when booking. There will also be a cash bar. Lunch tickets cost £30.

You can book by calling the Friends on Tuesday or Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends

SUBMISSIONS

The Diary Notes & News for the Cathedral community is printed fortnightly. If you have news to share with the community, please contact us:

E: info@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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Cathedral Cloisters, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1PX

Diana Wills, Cathedral Library

With the visit to the Library on 24th February of twenty members of The Philip Larkin Society, we welcomed the 2000th visitor during our time as custodians. This is of great pride to the Library Team in the six years from when I was appointed.

Revd Canon Derek Tansill

It is with great sadness that we relate the news of Derek's recent death. Derek has served God with distinction as a priest for almost sixty years; apart from a curacy in London, he served entirely within this Diocese in Billingshurst, Bexhill and Saltdean prior to his widely appreciated ministry as Vicar of Horsham. Many lives have been touched by his spiritual care, wisdom and friendship and we have been blessed to have him among us as a pastor and friend since his retirement to Chichester in 2006. He will be sorely missed across the City and beyond and we entrust him to God as a faithful servant of the Kingdom. His funeral will be hosted in the Cathedral, with further details to be announced in due course.

Save the Date: Invitation to all Wives & Widows of Retired Clergy

All are warmly invited for lunch in the Sherborne Room at the Bishop's Palace on Thursday 25th April at 11:30am for catch up with lunch at noon. You might like to consider attending the Cathedral BCP Holy Communion Service at

10:30am. Spread the news – everyone is welcome! Please RSVP with dietary requirements to:

Revd Martha Weatherill (**T**: 0747 290 9011 | **E**: mthrmartha@gmail.com).

The Cathedral Trust

As many of you already know the Flower Stall in the Cloisters sells flower arrangements during the biennial Festival of Flowers. Most popular were the arrangements in cups and saucers, baskets and even jam jars. These sold out quite quickly and were instrumental in the stall's huge success raising funds for the Cathedral.

Please would you kindly help us by bringing any surplus cups and saucers and baskets to the Trust office in the Cloisters. This frees up cupboard space for you whilst helping us to make a success of the Flower Stall!

If we start collecting now we should have enough for the duration of the '24 Festival. We really appreciate your support, thank you and please do come and visit our stall – entry to the Cloisters is free!

The Cathedral Prayer Group

The Cathedral prayer group support and pray for the needs of the Cathedral community, including its clergy, staff, volunteers and congregation. It also prays for the wider needs of the Diocese of Chichester, the world and prays in response to the prayer cards left at The Shrine of Saint Richard.

During the sessions, members read the previous Sunday's Gospel with period of silent meditation followed by opportunity to discuss it. They meet every Tuesday morning from 9.30am for further details speak to Canon Jack.

This week, the Group invite you to join them in the following prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola (1491):

Teach us,
good Lord,
to serve Thee as Thou deservest;

to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour, and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do Thy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen