

# DIARY NOTES & NEWS CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## NEWS & INFORMATION

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### **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](mailto:thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

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### **Call for Visiting Choirs**

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

- Weekends of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (particularly suitable for local groups due to a Goodwood event) and 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April;
- Wednesday Evensongs on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May;
- Half term week 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May, especially for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May;

- Evensong on Saturday 1st June and morning services only on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

If you are interested, please contact:

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## **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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

**E:** [jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto: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 Communion**

Following the successful introduction of First Communion at the Cathedral in 2023, the Cathedral will be celebrating a First Communion service at the Children and Family Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**For further details contact Canon Jack by 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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

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# UPCOMING SERVICES

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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. A number of chapels in the Cathedral are also available throughout the day for private prayer.

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

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

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

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

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

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

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 10.30am **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer*
- 2.30pm **Funeral**
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Third 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 4<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Vicars*

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

3.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** *Lady Chapel*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by The Byron Consort of Harrow School*

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

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

3.00pm **Memorial Service**

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

3.30pm **Choral Evensong for Chorister Open Day**

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth 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 with the Licensing of The Reverend Nigel Ashworth as Priest Vicar** *(also live-streamed)*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **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.

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## **Women and the Church of England in the Twentieth Century | The Novelist-Philosopher: Iris Murdoch (1919-1999)**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February (6.30pm)

**WHERE:** Vicars' Hall

In the second of the series, our Canon Precentor invites us to explore the life and work of Novelist-Philosopher Iris Murdoch.

Iris Murdoch has often been thought of as in some sense an Anglican novelist, but what might this mean? After briefly considering her own personal understanding of theology, and her practical contact with the church as an institution, this lecture looks at the question through the novels. Several of the novels features Anglican clergy, along with other religious characters. I focus on the clergy in particular, in order to explore what Murdoch thought was left of historic Christianity in a secularising age, and what might still be recovered and put to use.

Dr Peter Webster is Head of Digital Scholarship and Innovation at the library in the University of Southampton. He is also an historian of contemporary British religious history, and has published widely, including a biography of Walter Hussey. He has been a member of the advisory boards of several learned societies, academic journals and other digital research projects and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.



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

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## **Friends | Monthly Coffee Mornings**

**WHEN:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (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.

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## **Library Open Days**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (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.

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## **HomeTech**

**WHEN:** Wednesday 6th March (10.00am & 1.00pm)

**WHERE:** Vicars' Hall

Need help with your mobile phone? Confused by your Smart TV? Worried about being safe online? Then Chichester Cathedral's HomeTech Team are here to help you!

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**Booking is essential. Please contact us:**

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## **Chorister Open Day 2024**

**WHEN:** Saturday 9th March (9.30am)

**WHERE:** Chichester Cathedral

Find out more about the Choristers of Chichester Cathedral at our annual Open Day, taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 9th March 2024.

The experience of being a Chorister is exciting and fun, and develops valuable skills that will last a lifetime. Choristers spend about 18 hours each week rehearsing and singing services, as well studying two instruments and following a full school curriculum of academic work, sport and drama. They make recordings, feature on broadcasts, and give concert performances at home and abroad.

Choristers receive an excellent academic education at the Prebendal School, a co-ed, independent prep school immediately adjacent to the Cathedral. Following an inspection, the School has recently received the highest possible grading. The musical and academic experience we offer is a springboard for future success. Many choristers go on to win scholarships at prestigious secondary schools, where their choral training, discipline and team skills are highly valued.

Scholarships are awarded to all Choristers, and with additional funding according to need. We want to recruit promising young musicians regardless of financial circumstances. This event is suitable for girls and boys in Years 2, 3 and 4, as well as their parent/guardians. We do not expect candidates to have any musical experience when they join the choir. We look for energy, enthusiasm and good reading skills

The event will take place from 1.30 - 4.30pm. To book your space, or ask further questions, contact Thomas Roberts:

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**Retreat with the Reverend Dr Earl Collins**

**WHEN:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**WHERE:** George Bell House

On Monday 11th March 2024, Rev Dr Earl Collins, the Continuing Ministerial Development Officer for the Diocese of Chichester, will lead a One Day Retreat

at George Bell House on 'The Mystical Gospel' from 9.30am (meeting in the Lady Chapel for the Opening Eucharist) to 5.30pm, closing with Evensong in the Cathedral.

The Fourth Gospel was called in the Early Church, 'the Mystical Gospel' because Christians have always seen in it a deeper insight into the mystery of Jesus Christ: who he was, what he accomplished in his death and resurrection, and how he sends the Holy Spirit to his disciples. In this One Day retreat we will look at selected chapters and topics of St John's Gospel, to help us do that for ourselves. We will focus on Jesus, the WordMade-Flesh, as he reveals God to us today.

The method will be contemplative, i.e., aimed at deepening personal prayer, but with background attention to good contemporary biblical scholarship.

**To book your space, please contact Thomas Robert by 12.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

**T:** 01243 812488 | **E:** [thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

Please bring a Bible and a packed lunch. Coffee and Tea will be provided. There is a suggested donation on the day of £10 per head to help to cover costs.

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

**WHEN:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 none the less 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.

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## **Chichester Singers: Haydn, Bernstein & Jonathan Willcocks**

**WHEN:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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## **The Sixteen: The Choral Pilgrimage 2024**

**WHEN:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## **London Concertante - A Night at the Opera by Candlelight**

**WHEN:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## **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 the local community and the complicity of many, controlled by the Church, in preventing the truth from emerging." 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**

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## **Friends | Monthly Coffee Mornings**

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**WHERE:** South Transept

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

**WHEN:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**WHERE:** George Bell House

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them...

In this spring retreat at George Bell House, largely spent in silence, Canon Dan Inman invites participants to step out of the intensity of their life into a period

of contemplation using some of Jesus's most well-known teaching, the 8 so-called 'Beatitudes' (Matthew 5.1-12) that act as an overture to his teaching on living as children of the Kingdom of God.

There are opportunities for individual spiritual conversation with Canon Inman alongside the 20-minute addresses.

**Full Board begins with Supper, includes breakfast and ends with lunch on Tuesday.**

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

- 14.30: Welcome and introduction (Dresden Room)
- 15.00: Evensong (Quire of the Cathedral)
- 17.00: Address 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit (Dresden Room)
- 17:30 Supper (in the Dining Room)
- 20.30: Address 2: Blessed are those who mourn (Dresden Room)
- 21:00: Compline
- Silence is kept.

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

*Silence is kept throughout the day until supper and following Compline.*

- 08:00: Eucharist (Lady Chapel of the Cathedral)
- 09:00: Breakfast (Dining Room)
- 10:00: Address 3: Blessed are the meek
- 12:30: Address 4: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, *followed by a short midday office*
- 13:00: Sandwich lunch
- 15:00: Address 5: Blessed are the merciful
- 17:30: Evensong (sung by the Lay Vicars)
- 18:45: Supper (Dining Room)
- 20:30: Address 6: Blessed are the peacemakers
- 21:00: Compline

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

- Silence is kept until lunch
- 08:00: Eucharist (Lady Chapel of the Cathedral)
- 09:00: Breakfast



- 10:00: Address 7: Blessed are the peacemakers
- 12:30: Address 8: Blessed are those that are persecuted, followed by a short midday office
- 13:00: Sandwich lunch
- Guests depart.

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](mailto:bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

# SUBMISSIONS

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

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**P:** Communications Team, Chichester Cathedral, The Royal Chantry, Cathedral Cloisters, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1PX

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## Miss Gill Drake

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Miss Gill Drake, for many years a faithful member of the congregation here. The funeral details will be confirmed later.

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## 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](mailto:mthrmartha@gmail.com)).

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## Mothering Sunday at the Cloisters Kitchen & Garden

Join the team at the Cloisters Kitchen & Garden this Easter Sunday (Sunday 10th March), for a private dining experience at George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. All mums receive a free glass of prosecco!

Options for Mains:

- Pan fried coley supreme (gf) with potato rosti, minted mushy peas & homemade tartare sauce
- Roasted chicken breast or topside of beef (gf available) with traditional trimmings

- Honey roasted squash & spinach Wellington (vg) with traditional trimmings

Options for Desserts:

- Homemade sticky toffee pudding & custard
- Warm chocolate fudge cake & ice-cream (vg available)
- Passion fruit & elderflower panna cotta (gf)

£20 per person, including tea & coffee after meal. To book either drop-in, in person, to the Café or contact:

**T:** 01243 211054 | **E:** gm.cloisters@beseasoned.co.uk

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## **Lent Lunches**

Please do support the Christian Aid Lent Lunch from 12.00 to 1.30 pm on 28th February 2024 at Christ Church, Chichester, PO19 1SW. We would really value your support. The soup served is always amazing!

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## **Worthing Theological Society**

The next lecture of the 2023/2024 programme of the Worthing Theological Society will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. It will be given by the Revd Dr Earl Collins and is entitled *Is there a Christian Mysticism?*

Earl is a native of Belfast. His academic training was in Byzantine mysticism but in addition to Eastern Orthodoxy he is interested in all forms of systematic theology, liturgical studies and Christian mysticism. He also teaches annually on depth psychology for the New York Jung Centre. A former Benedictine monk, he is Vicar of St John's, Hove, and Officer for Continuing Ministerial Development in the Diocese of Chichester. He has published a number of books including 'Meeting Christ in his Mysteries' and is currently working on a book about prayer in the Byzantine tradition.

The meeting takes place at West Worthing Baptist Church commencing at 7.45pm and all are welcome. The church is in South Street, Tarring (BN14 7LU), some 200 yards north of West Worthing station. Admission is freend

there is a retiring collection to defray expenses. Further information from the Hon Secretary at [honsecwts1@outlook.com](mailto:honsecwts1@outlook.com)

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## **World Day of Prayer**

Chichester area service Friday 1st March at 2:00pm  
St George's Whyke Cleveland Road, Chichester PO19 7AD  
Soup and roll lunch served from 12:30pm All welcome

The World Day of Prayer 2024 has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine, who despite living in an area of the world where there is on-going conflict and the future is uncertain, are sharing with love a reminder that they are there and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service "Bear with one another in love" seems very appropriate for these women, who will not give up witnessing to the love of Christ. The World Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement.

For more information contact Sheila Hoy: [s.m.hoy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.m.hoy@hotmail.co.uk)

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## **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!

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## **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:

Look upon us O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls  
vanish before the beams of Thy brightness.

Fill us with holy love,

and open to us the treasures of Thy wisdom.

All our desire is known unto Thee,

therefore perfect what Thou hast begun,

and what Thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

We seek Thy face: turn Thy face unto us and show us Thy glory,  
then shall our longing be satisfied,

and our peace shall be perfect;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

This prayer is attributed to St. Augustine A.D.354 and is printed in *A Chain of Prayer Across the Ages* Edited by Selina Fitzherbert Fox, published in 1971 by John Murray Ltd ©