

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

ENTRANCE HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust;
but God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: *Robert Bridges (1844-1930),
based on Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*
Music: *MICHAEL, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

PSALM 98

O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their

work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand up and raise your heads, for your redemption is drawing near.

GOSPEL READING Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for Faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)

Music: ST HELEN, George Martin (1844-1916)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Blessèd Jesu, Mary's son,
for mankind to earth thou camest,
but the saving battle won,
now at God's right hand thou reignest:
on thy people pour thy blessing,
gathered here, thy name confessing.

By this sacramental sign,
token of thy bitter passion,
through these gifts of bread and wine
thine own image in us fashion:
by this food thy grace doth send us
from all ills of soul defend us.

In this mystery of grace
which we celebrate before thee,
come, O Saviour, show thy face
to the faithful who adore thee:
all our sins by thee forgiven,
grant us here the joys of heaven.

Words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

Music: LIEBSTER JESU (Dessau)

Melody by J. R. Ahle (1625-1673) (Mülhausen, 1664)

Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode (1816-1874)

Music: WOLVERCOTE, William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting:	Communion Service in F <i>Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)</i>
Motet:	Ave verum corpus <i>Edward Elgar (1857-1934)</i>
Closing Music:	Prelude in E, BWV 566 <i>Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)</i>

Cathedral Music Trust's Celebration Sunday – 16 November Today is Cathedral Music Trust's Celebration Sunday, a day when we celebrate the award of £17,000 we have received for a two-year vocal health project for our choristers and Lay Vicars, and give thanks for the generosity of the Trust's donors who make such awards possible.

PRAYER

Almighty God,
we give thanks this day for the ministry of our musicians.
We pray that they may continue to enrich our worship
and inspire your people;
that their voices raised in prayer and melody
may lift our hearts to you.
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God,
eternal unison and perfect harmony,
now and for ever.
Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 23 November

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

10.00am **Choral Mattins** & Rededication of Bellringers

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Wednesday 19 November We are delighted to welcome Cantores, the senior choir of St Catherine's School Bramley, to sing Choral Evensong.

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

NOTICES

Choral Evensong this afternoon marks **Safeguarding Sunday** and will be attended by Parish Safeguarding Officers from across the Diocese. All are welcome to join us (at 3.00pm in the Cathedral or on the livestream) to give thanks for their work.

Cathedral Fellowship William Blake and his home in Felpham Doug Nicholls, chair of the Blake Cottage Trust, talks about the author of the poem "Jerusalem" and the project to save his cottage in Felpham for future generations. Monday 17 November, 2.00pm in Vicars' Hall; no charge for entry but donations welcome.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series This week, 18 November at 1.10pm, we welcome organist William Fox for the final recital of the series. Concerts resume on 13 January.

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £10,730.00 raised (across the diocese) for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

Calling all Holy Dusters We would like to make sure that the Cathedral is clean and sparkling for Advent and Christmas. If you are willing to dust, polish, vacuum dark corners and even scrape wax off floors, please join us on Saturday 29 November from 10.30am-12.30pm. Everyone is welcome, old and young. Coffee and cake will be provided. Canon Vanessa Baron

High Sheriff of West Sussex Community Conferences 2025 *Mental Health Matters—Stigma, Access, Men's Mental Health* A series of discussions across the

county, exploring new solutions to meeting the needs of those with mental health difficulties in our communities. The Chichester event takes place on Wednesday 26 November, 10.00-12.30; for more details and to book please contact westsussex@highsheriffs.com

Worthing Theological Society *Julian of Norwich*—Mystic and anchoress Congregation member Dr Abigail Penfold will give the next talk on Monday 24 November, 7.45pm, West Worthing Baptist Church. Some of the talk is based on Abigail's PhD research and forthcoming book, *Julian Norwich and the Kingdom of God*; Abigail introduces Julian in her 14th-century, Norwich context and addresses her role as anchoress as well as her mysticism and theology. honsecwts1@outlook.com

American Thanksgiving Choral Evensong **Thursday 27 November, 5.30pm**

The service will be followed by a drinks reception hosted by Chichester Cathedral's American Patrons. We're delighted to welcome The Revd Dr Mark W. Scarlata (St Mellitus College, London) as our guest preacher. Whether you're part of the American community in Sussex or simply interested in our shared Anglo-American heritage, this promises to be an evening of beautiful music and reflection. It would be really helpful to know if you are going, please RSVP to trustsvp@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

Forthcoming Friends Event *Annual Advent Concert with The Otter Consort of the University of Chichester* in Vicars' Hall. Monday 1 December, 7.00pm with drinks and canapés to follow at 8.00pm. Tickets: £20. Further information: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends or on 01243 812980 (Tuesday and Friday mornings)

Chichester City Centre Drop-In (also known as "The Bell Tower") is a local youth project, inspired by Christian principles. The vision is to create a safe space accessible to any secondary school-aged young person in need in the Chichester area, regardless of background or circumstance, to be supported and empowered to thrive in all areas of life. To find out more about ways to get involved, visit www.belltowerchi.uk or contact the Project Manager Sam Harding via email at sam@belltowerchi.uk

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 monthly, quarterly or annual 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.

Advent and Christmas Please note the following dates for your diary:

Sunday 30 November, 4.30pm—Advent Procession
Thursday 18, Friday 19, Saturday 20, Sunday 21 December—Carol Services (6.00pm Thursday/Friday, 3.00pm Saturday/Sunday)

Christmas Eve—Crib Services at 11.00am/2.00pm; Evensong at 6.00pm; Midnight Mass at 11.00pm

Christmas Day—BCP Eucharist at 8.00am; Family Eucharist at 9.00am; Choral Mattins at 10.00am; Eucharist at 11.00am

Sunday 4 January, 6.00pm—Epiphany Procession
Please see the website for full details.

You'll also find details of our Christmas family trail, featuring **Wilfrid the Seal** as he journeys through the Cathedral discovering the story at the heart of Christmas.

Chichester's Match Funding for Music appeal

Six months into our special 950th anniversary appeal, the Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust are delighted to share that £825,000 has been donated towards our goal of raising an additional £950,000 within the year.

With £4.54 million secured for the Chichester Cathedral Platinum Endowment Trust for Music since our launch in February 2024, we are now even closer to reaching our initial £5 million target by March 2026. This permanent fund will generate annual income to support chorister scholarships, the choir, organ scholars and our programme of free lunchtime concerts, ensuring that music remains at the heart of Cathedral life for generations to come.

With six months left, your gift can still go twice as far – and help us reach the finish line!

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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].