

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
ADVENT SUNDAY

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! (x3)
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 (x3)
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 (x3)
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! (x3)
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 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

SECOND READING Romans 13: 11-14

Brothers and sisters, 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

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

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 Piaë Cantiones* (1582)

COMMUNION HYMN—*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 you loins as in his sight,
 for awful 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

The Lord will come and not be slow,
 his footsteps cannot err;
 before him righteousness shall go,
 his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
 shall bud and blossom then;
 and justice, from her heavenly bower,
 look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
 this wicked earth redress;
 for thou art he who shalt by right
 the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
 shall come, and all shall frame
 to bow them low before thee, Lord,
 and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou, in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674)
Music: ST STEPHEN, William Jones (1726-1800)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera
G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Motet: Ego sum panis vivus
G. P. da Palestrina

Closing Music: Fugue sur le nom d'Alain
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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, Wednesday, Friday—Choral Evensong; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday—said Evening Prayer)

Sunday 7 December

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

Tuesday 2 December, 7.30pm West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Carol Service

Wednesday 3 December We are delighted to welcome the choir of St Teresa's School, Effingham, to sing Choral Evensong

Sunday 7 December, 6.00pm Light Up A Life: St Wilfrid's Hospice Carol Service

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

Advent and Christmas 2025 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 30 November, 4.30pm Advent Procession

Thursday 18—Sunday 21 December Carol Services

- Thursday and Friday at 6.00pm
- Saturday and Sunday at 3.00pm

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve

- 11.00am and 2.00pm: Children's Crib Services
- 6.00pm: Christmas Eve Choral Evensong
- 11.00pm: Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day

- 8.00am: Holy Communion, said
- 9.00am: Eucharist for Children, Families & Caregivers
- 10.00am: Choral Mattins
- 11.00am: Choral Eucharist

Sunday 4 January 2026, 6.00pm Epiphany Procession

NOTICES

Advent Procession All are welcome to join us at 4.30pm this afternoon (Sunday 30 November) 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.

Yearning for the Light Our Advent course explores the rich themes of yearning for joy and light. Each session, led by Cathedral clergy, offers thoughtful reflection and teaching, followed by open discussion.

Thursday 4 December—*Praying in Advent*

Thursday 11 December—*The Music of Advent*

Wednesday 17 December—*Light in the Darkness*

George Bell House, arrive by 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. There is no charge but booking is essential, via the website or 0333 666 3366.

Winter Residential Retreat

Contemplating Art in a Sacred Space—An exploration of the art in Chichester Cathedral The retreat will be guided by John Workman, an art history postgraduate researcher and member of the Cathedral congregation and Canon Earl Collins, Chancellor. 7-9 December 2025 in George Bell House. Further details and booking can be found on the website or via 01243 813586.



Honorary Canons of the Cathedral

The Bishop has appointed as Honorary Canons of the Cathedral:

The Revd Anne Dunlop (Prebendary of Colworth)

The Revd Chris Sutton (Prebendary of Eartham)

The Revd Marc Lloyd (Prebendary of Hampstead)

The Revd John Wall (Prebendary of Seaford)

Their Installations will take place during Evensong on Sunday 11 January.

Friends 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)

Also, save the date for the *Friends Epiphany Lunch* in the Assembly Rooms, Wednesday 21 January.

St Pancras Church, Chichester are seeking an enthusiastic & competent Church Administrator to join their team to ensure the smooth running of their activities, events, services and buildings. For more details please see www.stpancraschichester.org.uk and apply by midnight on Sunday 7 December.

The Great Christmas Hunt with Wilfrid the Seal

Introducing our new special trail for 2025. It's Wilfrid's very first Christmas at the Cathedral—and he's full of excitement! The Cathedral has been beautifully transformed for this special time of year, but Wilfrid doesn't yet understand what Christmas is all about.



Join Wilfrid as he encounters familiar characters from the Nativity story, explores the Cathedral's colourful artworks, and enjoys moments of festive wonder. This self-guided trail is brought to life with charming hand-drawn illustrations by Chichester artist Chloe Robertson, and is designed to delight children and grown-ups alike. Free printed trail handouts are now available at the Cathedral entrance—no booking required, but donations very much welcome. Ideal for all the family, with a focus on children below the age of 12, but open to all who are young at heart!

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.

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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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].