

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas
David Thorne (b. 1950)

Closing Music: Prelude & Fugue in C, BWV 545
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:

Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

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

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 61: 10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

PSALM 45: 10-end

R: Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.

**All: Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.
So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour.

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

**All: Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king.

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all
generations;

therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

**All: Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

SECOND READING Galatians 4: 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem

those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GRADUAL HYMN

The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.

O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the Architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie:

Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest, to bring to human birth
the long-desired of all the earth.

O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Words: *Venantius Fortunatus (530-600),
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)*

Music: *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR,
Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621),
harmonised by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)*

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 46-55

Mary said: 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word
she should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
the second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of love divine,
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
blest in your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.

Words: *J. R. Peacey (1896-1971)*

Music: *ST BOTOLPH, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*

COMMUNION HYMN – please remain seated

Virgin-born, we bow before thee:
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
blessèd was she in her child.

Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;
blessèd was the hand that led thee;
blessèd was the parent's eye
that watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessèd she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's Salvation,
blessèd they, for ever blest,
who love thee most and serve thee best.

Virgin-born we bow before thee:
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
blessèd was she in her child.

Words: *Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

Music: *QUEM PASTORES, 14th-century German carol*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Words: *Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*
based on *Luke 1: 46-55*

Music: *WOODLANDS, Walter Groatorex (1877-1949)*

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** (Thursday—said Evening Prayer)

Thursday

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

Sunday 23 August—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

This week we are delighted to welcome Ferrabosco Singers to sing our services (Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Sunday).

NOTICES

Notice of Revision of the Electoral & Community

Rolls Notice is hereby given that the (Parish Equivalent) Electoral and Community Roll of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity (Chichester Cathedral) will be revised between Wednesday 26 August – Tuesday 8 September. A copy of the current Roll is available at the West Doors (please ask if you want to view it); if your name is on the list do nothing. Your name will remain on the Roll. If your contact details have changed in the last year, or if any of the following bullets apply (making you ineligible to be on the roll), please contact chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk to update:

- You have become a clerk in Holy Orders
- You state in writing the wish to be removed
- You were not entitled to enrol last year
- You have not habitually attended public worship in

the Cathedral in the preceding six months
If you are not on the Roll and are eligible to join, email Chris as above for a form or collect one from the team at the West Doors or Vergers' Office.

Full instructions are included on the form itself. Forms must be returned no later than Tuesday 8 September. The revised Roll will be published on Wednesday 9 September. The Annual Community Meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 September (following Choral Evensong).

Seeking Lay Chapter Members We are seeking three new lay people to join the Chapter, the Cathedral's governing body and board of trustees. We are particularly interested in individuals who can provide strategic leadership, in safeguarding, commercial operations or data protection. These voluntary positions offer an opportunity to help shape the future of the cathedral, supporting its mission, governance and long-term sustainability. For further information about the vacancies and details about how to apply, please see the website (About us > Current Vacancies). The closing date is **9.00am on Monday 17 August 2026**.

Save the Date—Cathedral Cleaning Party, Saturday 12 September, 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome! Please come to clean the Cathedral for the visit of Archbishop Richard Moth on Wednesday 16 September.

Choral Evensong BBC Radio 3 this week broadcast the Southern Cathedrals Festival service of Choral Evensong, recorded at Chichester last month and featuring our own choir alongside Winchester and Salisbury. This will be repeated this evening at 6.00pm, or you can listen on BBC Sounds for one month.

Organ Spectacular (Saturday 5 September) is an informal evening concert raising funds for Chichester Cathedral and its music. The event takes place from 7.00pm-9.00pm, during which attendees will have the opportunity to explore Chichester Cathedral after its usual visiting hours, to the beautiful accompaniment of music performed by Cathedral Organists Charles Harrison and Tim Ravalde. The programme will feature well-known favourites including orchestral transcriptions and film music, performed on the Cathedral's organ, with a compère and live big-screen video feed from the organ loft. Seating will be available, but the audience is also welcome to move around the building during the performance, and a bar will be open throughout. With a relaxed atmosphere, the performance is suitable for all ages. Tickets and further details are available through the website (What's On and navigate to 5 September).

Tales from the Cathedral Library *Why does Matthew Parker deserve our praise?* Tuesday 8 September, 10.00am, George Bell House. Matthew Parker was Queen Elizabeth's first Archbishop of Canterbury be-

tween 1559 and 1575, yet his reputation is mixed and his work only recently coming to be appreciated. Was he a scholar out of his depth or a canny archbishop who dealt well with the hand he was forced to play? The *Tales from the Cathedral Library* series offers a chance to learn about the Library's treasures in a welcoming, intimate setting—where every item has a story to tell—led by Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster and Canon Chancellor The Revd Dr Earl Collins. To book please see the website.

John Piper at Chichester Cathedral A talk by *The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron* Monday 14 September, 3.00-4.30pm, at West Sussex Record Office (Orchard Street) and online. Canon Vanessa's talk will include the background to the commission to create the tapestry in the Cathedral, with reference to the correspondence held at the Record Office; an overview of Piper's longstanding interest in churches, looking at his photography and stained-glass work; a look at the other influences on the design of the tapestry, most especially his willingness to work with new materials and his collaborative work with other people. Tickets can be obtained through www.wsro.org.uk, at £5 to attend online and £8 to attend in person.

Join the Cathedral team at the Chichester Half Marathon (Sunday 4 October 2026) This year, Chichester Cathedral is proud to be an official charity partner of the Chichester Half Marathon, with a number of complimentary race entries available for those who would like to run and raise funds for the Cathedral. If you, or a family member, friend, child or grandchild aged 17 or over, would be interested in taking part, we'd be delighted to share more information.

We're also keen to recruit volunteers to help steward the event route in the city centre, particularly around the Cathedral and Market Cross. This is a wonderful opportunity to represent the Cathedral, contribute to a major community event, and demonstrate our commitment to the life of our city.

To register your interest in either running or volunteering, please email oliver.tubb@chichestercathedral.org.uk with the subject line "**Chichester Half Marathon**".

Light Experience Running from 23 – 31 October 2026, this year's immersive installation by Luxmuralis, *Illuminating Art*, will once again transform the Cathedral through large-scale projections and an original score by David Harper. Building on last year's success the experience will take visitors on a journey through the building, exploring four centuries of artistic imagination in a striking and contemporary way.

Tickets are now available, with early bird rates offered until the end of August (or until sold out), via the Cathedral website.

Annual Meeting—Save the Date! All those interested in Cathedral life are welcome to join our Annual Meeting. On Wednesday 23 September, the event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong (commencing at 5.30pm and sung by the Choir of St Paul's Church, Chichester) before the formal start of the Annual Meeting around 6.30pm. The Meeting will be followed by light hospitality in the Cathedral kindly provided by Cloisters Kitchen & Garden. If you are planning to attend, please register via the website (What's On section and navigate to 23 September) so we have an idea of numbers.



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.

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].