

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 26 APRIL
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 gold 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant : The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Dr Helen Orr, Vicar of St Mary's, Whaddon, Diocese of Ely

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the Angel-host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1594)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Genevan Psalter (1551)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2: 42-end

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and

fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 19-end

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

GOSPEL READING John 10: 1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of

them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: *W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

Music: HYFRYDOL, *Melody by Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)*

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Words: *T. B. Pollock (1836-1896)*

Music: PASTOR PASTORUM, *F. Silcher (1789-1860)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

Words: *John Newton (1725-1807)*

Music: ST PETER, *Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877)*

TODAY'S MUSIC

- Mass setting:** Missa Trahe me post te
Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)
- Motet:** O Domine Jesu Christe
Tomás Luis de Victoria
- Closing Music:** Fugue in D minor, BWV 538, 'Dorian'
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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

Sunday 3 May—Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Tuesday 28 April, 5.30pm—Evensong will be attended by the Mayor of Chichester and City Councillors

Wednesday 29 April, 5.30pm—we are delighted to welcome the Bishop Luffa Chamber Choir to sing Evensong

Friday 1 May, 12.30pm—the wedding of Abigail Collier and Morgan Williams. The Cathedral will close to visitors from 12.00pm and reopen at 1.30pm

Deacon Ish would value your thoughts and prayers on Sunday 3 May at 10.00am when he will be leading an all age praise service in the Dorchester Abbey festival tent in Oxfordshire. Thank you.

Southern Cathedrals Festival 2026 will be held in Chichester from 16-19 July, with the combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury & Winchester Cathedrals performing in a vibrant programme of events, performances and services in Chichester Cathedral and other distinguished settings around the historic city centre. Festival Patrons enjoy priority booking until 4 May, plus an invitation to a special Patrons' event at each Festival. To become a Festival Patron, email richard.paterson@chichestercathedral.org.uk, or for full details pick up a leaflet or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/scf2026

NOTICES

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts Our series resumes this week, 28 April at 1.10pm, when we welcome The Opal Duo (flute and harp). Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Friends Coffee Morning Saturday 2 May. Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for a coffee, cake and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral's South Transept at 10.00—11.15am.

Library Open Morning The Cathedral's historic library is open to visitors on the first Tuesday of the month (5 May, 10.00-12.00).

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, 3 – 6 June 2026

- **Baskets!** The Flower Stall in the Cloisters sells flower arrangements during the Festival, with cups and saucers, baskets and jam jars proving very popular. We have lots of cups and saucers and jam jars but need more baskets—could you kindly help us by bringing any surplus baskets to the Trust office in the Cloisters? Thank you for your support, and please do come and visit our stall – entry to the Cloisters is free!
- Can you spare a bottle—or more—of wine for our **wine tombola (the "bottlebola")** at the Festival of Flowers? Canon Bruce Ruddock is coordinating the stall this year and asks if anyone in the cathedral community can offer bottles of wine or a donation with which we can purchase wine for this purpose. Bottles can be left at the Trust Office for storage where the staff will be happy to supply bank details for donations. In recent years the "bottlebola" has contributed around £8000 to the overall funds raised, so we do hope we can do as well this year! Many thanks indeed.

Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust

Chichester Cathedral Friends All are welcome at Friends events. Book via 01243 812980 (Tuesday/Friday mornings) or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends.

- Visit to Bletchley Park Saturday 13 June. Limited number of tickets still available. £65pp, by coach, including entry to Bletchley Park. Depart from the Cathedral at 8.00am, return at 5.30pm.

- Three day visit to Lichfield Cathedral and the National Memorial Arboretum, with 2-night hotel stay in Lichfield. Monday 14—Wednesday 16 September. Further details from the website above.

Deanery Garden Party

Following the Ascension Day Eucharist on Thursday 14 May, the Cathedral community is invited to the Deanery for a glass of wine/soft drink and some nibbles. No need to book. All are welcome at the Eucharist in the Cathedral at 5.30pm, and at the Deanery from 6.30pm.

Angela Tilby discusses her new book **Good Faith: Why England Needs its Church** in conversation with the Dean. Join us for an evening exploring the Church of England's past, present and future.

Thursday 30 April 2026

5.30pm Choral Evensong (optional), Chichester Cathedral

6.30pm Reception, St Olav's Bookshop

7.00–8.30pm Talk and Q&A

Cost: £10 (includes drink and £5 book voucher).

All welcome. To book: 01243 782790 or mail@stolavchristianbookshop.uk

Join **Stonepillow's Cathedral to Coast Trek** on 2 May. Walk 8.5 miles to change lives, stand alongside those facing homelessness, and make every step matter: stone-pillow.org.uk/fundraising/trek/

Robert Sherbourne (1508-1536) – a model bishop of Chichester? Thursday 7 May, 7.00pm (drinks from 6.30pm), Vicars' Hall. A lecture on Bishop Robert Sherbourne and his tenure as bishop between 1508 and 1536 - a highly significant period for Chichester Cathedral and the Diocese of Chichester.

Given by Dr Andrew Foster, sub librarian of Chichester Cathedral. (Andrew is President of the Chichester branch of the Historical Association, an Honorary Vice-President of the Sussex Record Society and was for many years the Research Director of the University of Chichester. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the Historical Association, and the Society of Antiquaries. Tickets at £10 each are available from www.ticketsource.com/chichester-cathedral or on 0333 666 3366.

Clothes Swap Saturday 9 May, 10.00-11.30am, Vicars' Hall. Good quality clothing donations needed for May's Rogationtide Clothing Swap, prior to event. Please drop off at the Estates Office, Cathedral Cloisters, for the attention of Victoria Sutton. Event details on Cathedral website.

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. We welcome responses from everyone.

Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/

Gesualdo Six & Chelys Consort A captivating programme celebrating the golden age of English verse anthems, with music by Tomkins, Humfrey and Gibbons, in the stunning setting of Boxgrove Priory. Sunday 3 May, 7.30pm; tickets from www.thequesualdosix.co.uk/concerts

An extraordinary response – thank you

We are absolutely delighted to share a remarkable moment in the life of Chichester Cathedral's music.

Since launching the Platinum Endowment Trust for Music in 2023, with the aim of raising £5 million by 2026, the response has been nothing short of extraordinary. At the heart of this has been our 950th anniversary Match Funding Appeal, where four anonymous donors pledged to match every gift, pound for pound, up to £950,000.

You responded in incredible numbers. **More than 2,000 people gave, raising just over £1 million and unlocking the full £950,000 in match funding.**

This is a hugely significant step towards our £5 million goal. Once reached, the endowment will help meet around half of the Cathedral's annual music costs, including the vital support that makes it possible for our choristers to sing, learn and flourish.

We are deeply grateful to every single person who has supported this appeal. Your generosity is not only sustaining music today, but helping to secure it for generations to come.

There is still more to do, but this moment feels worth celebrating. Thank you for being part of it.

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/support-us

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].