

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## SUNDAY 18 JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*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 Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

**Preacher:** The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

### ENTRANCE HYMN

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride,  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Words: *Samuel Stone (1839-1900)*

Music: *AURELIA, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your  
grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 49: 1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples  
from far away! The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made  
my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he  
hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid  
me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in  
whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely  
my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'  
And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be  
his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel  
might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of  
the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise  
up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation  
may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply  
despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall  
prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

### PSALM 40: 1-12

I waited patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me,  
and heard my calling.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire  
and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my  
goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a  
thanksgiving unto our God.

Many shall see it, and fear : and shall put their trust in the  
Lord.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord : and  
turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with  
lies.

O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou  
hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-  
ward : and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto  
thee.

If I should declare them, and speak of them : they should  
be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine  
ears hast thou opened.

Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required : then said I, Lo, I come,  
In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God : I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.  
I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.  
I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart : my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.

### **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **GOSPEL READING** John 1: 29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was

staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addrest,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding-guest  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addrest,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addrest,  
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)  
Music: ST EDMUND, Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

### **COMMUNION HYMN**—please remain seated

The race that long in darkness pined  
have seen a glorious light;  
the people dwell in day, who dwelt  
in death's surrounding night.

To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,  
the gathering nations come,  
joyous as when the reapers bear  
the harvest-treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,  
to us a Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
for evermore adored;  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the great and mighty Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread;  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below.

Words: *John Morison (1750-1798), based on Isaiah 9: 2-7*  
Music: DUNDEE, melody from the Scottish Psalter (1615)

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### ADMISSION OF LAY VICAR

During the notices we will admit Ashley Harries as a Lay Vicar of the Cathedral Choir.

#### FINAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

Words: *William Williams (1717-1791)*  
*tr. Peter Williams (1727-1796) and others*  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, *John Hughes (1873-1932)*

#### TODAY'S MUSIC

**Mass setting:** Collegium Regale  
*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

**Motet:** O taste and see  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

**Closing Music:** Praeludium in A minor  
*Georg Böhm (1661-1733)*

#### 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** (Wednesday—said Evening Prayer)

##### Sunday 25 January—The Conversion of Paul

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**

This week: "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place each year from 18 to 25 January. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ. WPCU is also a great chance to speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in your village, town or county."

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

#### NOTICES

##### Volunteers Needed for the 2026 Festival of Flowers

- The Bottlebola team is seeking volunteers to assist on our stall at the upcoming Festival of Flowers in 2026. If you are able to spare some time and would like to get involved, please contact Bruce Ruddock on 0791 9092504/[rbruddock@outlook.com](mailto:rbruddock@outlook.com). Donations of wine for the stall would also be greatly appreciated.

- During the Festival of Flowers, a large jigsaw-style image of the Chagall window will be displayed to help raise funds for the Platinum Endowment Trust for Music. We're looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or more to encourage visitors to sponsor a piece of the jigsaw. If you can help, please contact Trevor James at [trevore-james@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trevore-james@yahoo.co.uk) or 01243 780334.

- Thank you for your support—we look forward to a wonderful Festival ahead! The Festival takes place from Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 June.

**Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts** This week, 20 January at 1.10pm, we welcome Hannah Shillock & Viola Lenzi (bass clarinet & piano). Entry is free, donations are welcome. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

## Friends' Epiphany Lunch

### Last chance to book—deadline is Monday 19 January.

Wednesday 21 January at 12.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester.

Wrap up the Festive Season with the Cathedral Friends at our Epiphany Lunch. The Friends are delighted to welcome the new Canon Chancellor, The Revd. Dr. Earl Collins as our Guest Speaker. Tickets £35 include a welcome drink and a delicious two course lunch. You can book online, via the Cathedral's website ([chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends](http://chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends)), or you can call the Friends' desk on 01243 812980 on Tuesday or Friday mornings. (Everyone is welcome to events organised by The Friends unless otherwise stated).

**Cathedral Fellowship** *The Epiphany Procession* Monday 19 January, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. Sue Hyland offers an insight into the story behind the popular Epiphany Procession, how it is organised and presented. Costumes used in the Procession will also be on display. No need to book and no charge, but donations welcome.

**From the Chichester District Foodbank team:** In 2025, you generously donated 768.2 kg of provisions - that's around 1,920 meals! Your kindness really does make a difference, and means so much to us and the people we support across Chichester District. And it's not just about the food. Your generosity frees up resources that let us provide extra help, like practical guidance and a caring, listening ear when it's needed most. Every donation makes a real difference, and yours is truly appreciated. Last year, we were able to provide emergency food parcels to over 6,000 people, with 38% of them being children. These numbers show just how important your support is to our community.

**Weaving workshops** To celebrate the opening of Glowing + Alive, our new exhibition, Creative Learning is running two children's weaving workshops on Saturday 14 February 2026. These hands-on sessions invite children to explore textiles, colour, and storytelling in a fun and creative way. Each workshop will begin at the Piper tapestry, where children will learn about the artwork and draw inspiration from its imagery, textures, and colours. They will then move to the South Transept to create their own hand-woven bookmark.

As an Eco Church Gold award holder, I am keen to reflect the Cathedral's commitment to sustainability. I would therefore be very grateful for donations of spools of wool, ribbon, or pipe cleaners to use in the workshops, helping me recycle and reuse materials wherever possible. If you can donate, items can be dropped off to the Royal Chantry Offices during normal office hours, or left with the Verger at weekends. Please place items in a bag which is clearly labelled for Rosie Bradberry—Creative Learning. Thank you so much in advance for any contributions, they will make a real difference to these creative sessions. Rosie Bradberry

## Job Opportunities at the Cathedral

We are currently recruiting a number of roles—Chief Finance Officer, Visitor Assistant, Senior Visitor Assistant, and Weekend Housekeeper. For more details on these opportunities or to apply please see the website ([chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies](http://chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies))

**Save the date—Slow Art Day** returns in 2026, guided by John Workman, an art history postgraduate researcher and member of the Cathedral congregation. 11 April, 10.00am. Bookings open February.

## Match Funding for Music: an exciting milestone

We are delighted to share the latest news from our Match Funding for Music campaign, as at the end of December 2025. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, **£911,000 has now been raised towards our**

**£950,000 target.** This is a significant achievement and a strong endorsement of the place music has at the heart of the Cathedral's life. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

Launched during our 950th anniversary year, the appeal continues until the end of March 2026, or until the full match funding target is reached. Every donation up to £950,000 continues to be matched pound for pound by four anonymous donors, doubling its impact.

The recent months have shown just how central music is to our worship. Between Advent and Epiphany, thousands gathered for services sung by the Cathedral Choir, supported by choristers, lay vicars, organists, staff and volunteers who contribute so much behind the scenes.

As we enter the final months of the appeal, we are seeking to raise the remaining £39,000 needed to reach the match funding target. Donations above £950,000 are, of course, still welcomed and will support the Music Endowment Fund, though they will no longer be matched. Completing the match funding will move us significantly closer to **our wider £5 million endowment goal, currently at £4.8 million**, helping to secure the future of choral worship, the training of young musicians and the commissioning of new music.

Any contribution, large or small, is welcomed, particularly while gifts are still being matched, and helps to ensure this living musical tradition continues to flourish for generations to come.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@chichestercathedral.org.uk) or speak to a member of our Safeguarding team [please see the website or our Safeguarding posters for more details].