

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 18 MAY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.15am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

ENTRANCE HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show,
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Sion's children know.

Words: *John Newton (1725-1807)*;

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

PSALM 148: 1-6

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above
the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the
word, and they were made; he commanded, and they
were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given
them a law which shall not be broken.

SECOND READING Revelation 21: 1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no
more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from
the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among
mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said, 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'

GOSPEL READING John 13: 31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

Words: *Greek, St John of Damascus (c 750),
tr. J. M. Neale (1816-1866);*

Music: AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM, *Catholicum
Hymnologium Germanicum, Cologne (1584)*

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Words: *17th century Latin, tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

Music: VICTORY, *adapted from the Gloria of Palestrina's
Magnificat Tertii Toni; Alleluia by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: BLAENWERN, William Rowlands (1860-1937)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Mass setting: *Communion Service in F major*
Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Motet: *Ave verum corpus*
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Closing Music: *Choral Song*
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.15am **Eucharist** for children, families and
caregivers

10.15am **Choral Mattins**

11.15am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Wednesday—said Evening
Prayer)

Saturday 24 May, 12.00—Parish Pilgrimage Eucharist for
Goring-by-Sea

There is an additional celebration of **Holy
Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer
on Thursdays at 10.30am.

NOTICES

Tuesday Lunchtime concert series This week, 20 May
at 1.10pm, we welcome Mayflower Ensemble (piano, clar-
inet & cello).

Cathedral Fellowship The remaining events this season
are as follows:

- Tuesday 20 May, 2.15pm, Vicars' Hall

A virtual tour of Chichester with Adam Taylor, Chichester
City Guide

- Tuesday 17 June, 2.15pm, Vicars' Hall

Religion, rebellion and reformation: the curator's choice

Canon Treasurer, the Reverend Vanessa Baron, talks
about the exhibition in the Cathedral marking pivotal mo-
ments in the history of the diocese and Cathedral.

No booking required; free, but donations welcome. For
more information, please contact Canon Stephen Hoy on
07943 715279 or email [fellow-
ship@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:fellow-ship@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

The programme will resume on 15 September (meetings
from September will be on Monday afternoons).

Cathedrals Cycle Route (CCR) Relay 2025 We're ex-
cited to be part of this unique 42-day cycling challenge
linking all 42 Church of England cathedrals. **There are
places available to ride the relay between Chichester
and Portsmouth this summer.** If you are interested in
finding out more please email Rebecca for more infor-
mation. rebecca.lewrygray@chichestercathedral.org.uk

The **George Bell House Bible Fellowship** resumes on
Thursday 22nd May in a new series 'The Resurrection and
the Life'. We gather in George Bell House at 2.15 for 2.30
pm. The scriptural exploration begins at 2.30 and will
conclude at 3.45 pm – in time for tea and cake. All are
very warmly welcome. The meetings will be fortnightly up
until November (with a break in September), so additional
dates are 5th June and 19th June at the same time.

To book your place RSVP to Canon Nigel Ashworth,
Priest Vicar, on
nigel.ashworth@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Chichester Cathedral Friends are pleased to announce
that on Thursday 26 June we will be holding our Annual
General Meeting and Festival Day. Free to attend except
for the lunch—details below.

The schedule for the day is:

Noon A Friends Eucharist service in the Cathedral's La-
dy Chapel. The service will be led by The Dean
12.45 for 1.00pm A delicious two-course lunch for
£35pp will be served in the marquee in the garden of the
Bishop's Palace. Booking is required through the Cathe-
dral website or on 01243 812980

2.30pm The Annual General Meeting will be held in the
Cathedral nave. This will last approximately 40 minutes

and will cover important Friends' business issues.
3.15pm We are delighted to welcome the Very Reverend Nicholas Frayling, Dean Emeritus, as our guest speaker. The title of Nicholas's talk is "A Bible in the Family. A saga spanning 5 centuries".

4.00pm Tea and cake will be served in the marquee in the garden of the Bishop's Palace to round off the day. There is no need to book a place and it's free.

Also the Friends Summer Drinks Party will take place on 30 July, 6-8pm, in the Deanery Garden. Tickets are £10 each and can be booked through the website.

News from the Bell Tower On Thursday evening 8th May 2025 at 6:30 pm the bells of Chichester Cathedral were rung, along with hundreds of other church bells, for the official nationwide bellringing celebration. On Saturday 3rd May 2025 eight members of the band rang a quarter peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples. This method was chosen as it was the same method rang at the Cathedral following the cessation of hostilities in Europe in 1945.

As a point of interest 10 years ago, on the 70th Anniversary of VE Day, the Cathedral Bells were rung and included in that band was the Revd Peter Blackman who rang at Chichester Cathedral for VE Day itself.

SUBMISSIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cloisters Kitchen & Garden cordially invite you to a truly chaotic & crazy Mad Hatters Tea Party. Fun games, arts & crafts, dancing and prizes, all over a child-friendly afternoon tea lunch. Thursday 29 May, 10.30-12.30. Tickets are £10 per child from 01243 211054. Fancy dress and wild hats encouraged!

Could you or someone you know benefit from extra company and support each week?

AIBŌ (*meaning 'Buddy in Japanese*) is a new local service connecting friendly, vetted university students with elderly individuals in and around Chichester for regular companionship, and a helping hand with day-to-day tasks such as shopping, technology help, light household work, fun outings and more. AIBŌ's goal is to create meaningful intergenerational friendships that help older people stay independent, connected, and active, whilst learning from one another. This is a paid service at £18.50p/hr & students are matched with their elderly Buddy based on interests, personality & career aspirations. To find out more, visit www.aibo.org.uk or contact Solène at info@aibo.org.uk.

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].

SUPPORT CHORAL MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Since the launch of our match funding for music campaign in February 2025, **£135,000 (excluding Gift Aid) has been raised** from 200 generous supporters - a strong and encouraging start toward our £950,000 match funding goal.

Also our **new campaign video has now been released** - featuring our choir performing a Sir John Rutter piece, filmed from beautiful and rarely seen angles of the Cathedral and its choristers. Do give it a watch via the Cathedral's YouTube channel and share it with others. There is still a journey ahead, but with your continued generosity we're well on our way. Thank you for being part of this.

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/support-music

Every note matters. Donate now! To donate either use the QR code or make a bank transfer to Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust CIO. Bank account: Barclays Bank, Account number: 53716384, Sort code: 20-20-62. (Please add your name as a reference, so that we can thank you), visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/27733>, or contact the Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust for more information trust@chichestercathedral.org.uk



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- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00
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