

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER
HARVEST

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

Preacher: The Revd Gary Cregeen, Diocesan Rural Officer for East Sussex

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Words: *Henry Alford (1810-1871);*
Music: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR,
George Elvey (1816-1893)

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:

grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

SECOND READING Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never thirst'.

GOSPEL READING John 6: 25-35

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Lord of all...*

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Lord of all...*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Lord of all...*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Lord of all...*

For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

Words: F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Music: ENGLAND'S LANE, Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943),
adapted from a folk song

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*For his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God: *For his mercies...*

He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light: *For his mercies...*

All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need: *For his mercies...*

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*For his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Words: Psalm 136, John Milton (1608-1674)

Music: MONKLAND, Melody by John Antes (1740-1811)
from a chorale by J. A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in
creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of
the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you
give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the
good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Words: *F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

Music: *EAST ACKLAM, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting:	Missa Johannes Baptistae <i>Brian Chapple (b. 1945)</i>
Motet:	O taste and see <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)</i>
Closing Music:	Fantasia in G minor, BWV 523 <i>Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)</i>

NOTICES

Harvest Today we celebrate Harvest, giving thanks for the abundance of God's creation and provision. We welcome The Revd Gary Cregeen, Diocesan Rural Officer for East Sussex and priest in charge of Ashburnham and Penhurst, who will preach at the 11am Eucharist. The retiring collection will be in aid of UKHarvest, a local environmental charity helping communities eat more healthily and fight food waste. James Swann from the organisation will give a short address.

Newcomers' Evening at the Deanery, Monday 27 October, 6.30 – 8 pm. Have you started coming to the Cathedral in the last two years? We would love to get to know you better. Please come to meet us and one another over drinks. RSVP to Gabby.Justesen@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series This week, 7 October at 1.10pm, we welcome pianist Filippo Di Bari.

Friends Monthly Coffee Morning Normally on the first Saturday of the month, for October all are welcome to call in for coffee, biscuits and conversation on Saturday 11 October, 10.00-11.15.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Wednesday & Saturday—said Evening Prayer; Friday—see below)

Sunday 12 October

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families and caregivers

10.00am **Mattins** with congregational music

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

- Friday, 10.30am—Prayers for Wellbeing: a service for *World Mental Health Day*.
- Friday, 5.00pm—Choral Evensong with The High Sheriff of West Sussex's Annual Judges' Service (note the earlier time)
- Sunday, 3.00pm—Choral Evensong includes the Installation of The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins as Canon Chancellor. All are welcome, in the Cathedral or on the livestream.

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

Help Needed to provide refreshments after the Installation of Canon Dr Earl Collins on Sunday 12 October. Vanessa is looking for four people who can help serve drinks after Earl's Installation. You will be needed for 45 mins after the service but not before the service. Please reply to Vanessa.Baron@chichestercathedral.org.uk if you are free to help.

The **George Bell House Bible Fellowship** resumes its series 'The Resurrection and the Life' this Thursday. We gather in George Bell House at 2.15 for 2.30pm, concluding at 3.45 pm – in time for tea and cake. All are very warmly welcome. October 9, 23; November 6, all at the same time. To book your place RSVP to Canon Nigel Ashworth, Priest Vicar, on nigel.ashworth@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Deacons Ish and Irene would value your thoughts and prayers on **Sunday October 12** at 10.30am when they will be doing a children's praise service at The Well Church in Swindon.

The funeral for The Revd Roger Williamson will take place on Tuesday 14 October at 2.00pm at St Mary & St Gabriel Church, South Harting. All in the Cathedral community who knew him are warmly welcome to attend.

Requiem Eucharist for All Souls Monday 3 November

All are welcome to this special Requiem Eucharist, in which we remember and pray for the faithful departed, with movements from Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* sung by the Cathedral Choir. You are invited to send the names of any you wish to be remembered at this service in good time to chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk, or leave the names with the Cathedral Vergers.

Cathedral Guide Recruitment Event Saturday 18 October, 10:00am–12:00 noon. Interested in history and welcoming visitors? Join us to explore volunteering as a **Cathedral Guide** or **Spire Tour Guide**. Meet current Guides, hear about their experiences, and enjoy a brief tour. A special **Spire Tour** will take place at **12:00 noon**, including access to historic staircases and roof spaces. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Dean's Lectures 2025

Sacred Art at Chichester Cathedral: Reflections on the Past, Present and Future As part of the celebrations of our 950th anniversary, these lectures will reflect on aspects of the artistic and cultural heritage of Chichester Cathedral, the ways in which these speak to us amid the challenges and opportunities of our current time, and their relevance for future generations.

- Tuesday 7 October: **Nicaea 1700 meets Chichester 950** - *How the Cathedral Illustrates the Creed*, Reverend Dr Edward Dowler
- Tuesday 21 October: **The Hidden Treasures of Chichester Cathedral**, Reverend Vanessa Baron

All in Vicars' Hall, 6.30–8.30pm. Full details and tickets (at £10 each, to include a glass of wine or soft drink) are available through the website or telephone 0333 666 3366.

Chichester950 Light Experience Tickets are on sale for our spectacular light show, taking place 24–31 October. The experience will illuminate the Cathedral's iconic interior, featuring thousands of images from our archive, weaving together centuries of history into a stunning display that will bring our 950th anniversary programme to a close. Tickets can be booked via Ticketsource—www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/lightshow or 0333 666 3366.

In Conversation with Sir Alexander McCall Smith Sir Alexander is a much-loved and prolific author whose work has brought joy and reflection to readers across the world. The Dean and Sir Alexander will explore his writing, inspirations, and the role of storytelling in a changing world. There will also be an opportunity for questions from the audience. Saturday 25 October, 1.00pm; tickets are £15 each (concessions available for students) via the website or telephone 0333 666 3366.

BE STILL, The Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, is hosting a talk on the life and works of Charles de Fou-

cauld, led by the Revd Dr Earl Collins, the new Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral. Saturday 25 October 2025, Vicars' Hall, 10.30am–12.30pm (teas/coffees provided from 10:00am). Tickets £10. For further information visit our website: <http://www.bestillchichester.com>. To reserve a place, please contact David Browning at bestillchichester@btinternet.com or on 01243 839922.

Carbon Literacy Training An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community & organisational basis. Thursday 13 November, 9.00–5.00, Church House, Hove. To book a place please email environment.officer@chichester.anglican.org

'The Parish in the Church of England: Past, Present and Future', Thursday 13 November 2025, 2.30pm, Vicars' Hall **Professor Alison Milbank**, Professor Emeritus of Theology and Literature at Nottingham University and Canon Theologian at Southwell Minster. To reserve a place please call 01243 812488 or email chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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 the Reverend Earl Collins, Canon Chancellor. 7–9 December 2025 in George Bell House. Further details and booking can be found on the website or via 01243 813586.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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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].