

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
HOLY CROSS DAY

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord Bishop of Chichester, The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner

Preacher: Archbishop Herwig Gössl, Archbishop of Bamberg

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:
Lift high the cross...

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:
Lift high the cross...

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:
Lift high the cross...

From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:
Lift high the cross...

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:
Lift high the cross...

For thy blest cross, which doth for all atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne:
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956);

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Numbers 21: 4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 22: 23-28

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel; For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

SECOND READING Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

GOSPEL READING John 3: 13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Archbishop Herwig Gössl, Archbishop of Bamberg, was installed as an Ecumenical Canon of Honour at Evensong yesterday; we are delighted to welcome him to preach at today's Eucharist.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for Faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: *G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)*

Music: ST HELEN, *George Martin (1844-1916)*

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

When I survey the wondrous Cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: *Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Music: ROCKINGHAM, *adapted by*
Edward Miller (1731-1807)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until
he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *Yours the glory...*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *Yours the glory...*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *Yours the glory...*

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

Words: *Michael Saward (1932-2015)*

Music: GUITING POWER, *John Barnard (b. 1948)*

Descant: *Charles Harrison*

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting:	Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (Little Organ Mass) <i>Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)</i>
Motet:	Ave verum corpus <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)</i>
Closing Music:	Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621 <i>Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)</i>

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.45am	Morning Prayer
8.00am	Holy Communion
5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Wednesday—said Evening Prayer; Saturday—see below)

Sunday 21 September

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

- Please note the Cathedral will be closed Monday to Thursday inclusive this week except for services, for University of Chichester graduations.
- Evensong on Friday celebrates the work of the Festival of Flowers Patrons.
- **Saturday 20 September, 11.00am**—Licensing of Readers; **3.00pm**—Evensong with Investiture into the Order of St Richard; **7.00pm**—Stonepillow Big Sleep Out Service

There is an additional celebration of **Holy Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer on Thursdays at 10.30am, **this week (18/09) in the Bishop's Chapel.**

NOTICES

A sung Requiem Eucharist for Canon Stephen Ferns (1961-2025) will be held at 11am on Saturday 4 October. The Bishop of Chichester will preside at this service, and the Dean of Ely, The Very Reverend Mark Bonney, the Dean of Ely, will be the preacher.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series Please note there is no concert on 16 September. Next week, 23 September at 1.10pm, we welcome Apollo Trio.

Clothing Donations Needed for Clothing Swap on 27 September 10 - 11.30am, Vicar's Hall. Good quality clothing donations gratefully received before the event via the Estates Office, Cathedral Cloisters, FAO Victoria Sutton. Event details on website.

The Friends have organised a **four-day visit to Paris** (3-6 October) including a tour of the recently reopened Notre Dame Cathedral. Full details and booking information for both are on the website.

The Dean's Lectures 2025

Sacred Art at Chichester Cathedral

Reflections on the Past, Present and Future

This series launches on 23 September. 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 23 September: ***What will survive of us is love***: Reflections on Philip Larkin's *An Arundel Tomb*, Kieron Winn
- Tuesday 30 September: ***The Legacy of Dean Walter Hussey in the Cathedral and the City***, Simon Martin
- 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.

Chichester950 Light Experience Tickets are now 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. In what promises to be an engaging and thoughtful conversation, 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.

Be Still, The Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, is hosting a talk on the life and works of Charles de Foucauld, led by the Revd Dr Earl Collins, the new Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral. Saturday 25 October 2025 in Vicars' Hall 10.30am – 12.30pm (teas/coffees provided from 10:00 am). 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.

Art + Christianity is an organisation seeking to foster & explore the dialogue between art, Christianity and other religious faiths. Their annual weekend retreat takes place

19-21 September near Huddersfield. Interested parties may book via www.artandchristianity.org/events

Cathedral Fellowship The Fellowship meets on Monday afternoons at 2:00pm in Vicar's Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral. Vicar's Hall is accessible for people with disabilities. Meetings are free to attend and open to everyone. Donations welcome. Refreshments available. For more information contact: Canon Stephen Hoy 0794 371 5279
E: fellowship@chichestercathedral.org.uk

- 22 September 2025 *Christian Motifs and Themes in the National Gallery's "Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers" Exhibition*
- 20 October 2025 *Julian of Norwich*
- 17 November 2025 *William Blake and his home in Felpham*
- 19 January 2026 *The Epiphany Procession*
- 16 February 2026 *Jane Austen, her life and works*
- 16 March 2026 *Bach's St John Passion: structure, symbolism and word-painting*
- 20 April 2026 *The Psalms, ancient and modern*
- 18 May 2026 *Manchester's Cathedral - like us but different*

Worthing Theological Society meets at West Worthing Baptist Church (BN14 7LU) on the last Monday of the month, 7.45pm:

Mon 29 September: **Mike Warner, Worthing**

The Rise and Fall of Religious Education in Schools.

The place of Religious Education (R.E.) in our schools was first mandated by the Education Act 1944 and the provision of R.E. is still compulsory in all state-funded schools. In spite of this, the continued place of R.E. being taught in our schools faces more challenges than ever before. Do we just accept what is a current decline gracefully, and put this down to the ever changing world we now live in, or do we seek to ensure that the continued place of R.E. in our schools continues? In which case, how?

Mon 27 October: **Prof Melissa Raphael, Midhurst**

The female face of God in Judaism

Mon 24 November: **Dr Abigail Penfold, Chichester**

Julian of Norwich - Mystic and anchoress

Mon 26 January: **Dr Tommy Lynch, University of**

Chichester *Clergy in Crisis! The Church and Cinema in a secular age*

Mon 23 February: **Dr Ashley Cocksworth, Roehampton University** *Bonhoeffer's method of Joy*

Mon 23 March (one week earlier to account for Holy Week): **Prof Clive Marsh, The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham** *God is obviously not White, But....*

Wrestling with Theology and Identity Politics

Please contact honsecwts1@outlook.com for further details.

The Greek Orthodox Church Chichester are hosting a 'Come & See' morning on Saturday 4 October, including the Divine Liturgy in English. The morning starts at 9.00am with Prayers before Holy Communion, followed

by the Divine Liturgy itself at 10.00am. Friends Meeting House, Priory Road; no need to book but for more information contact 077780977054 or search 'Greek Orthodox Church Chichester' on Facebook.

'Something Greater than Power': The Legacy of Bishop George Bell

Thursday 2 October 2025, 2pm (NB corrected time)

George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

The Third George Bell Lecture honours the remarkable life and witness of the war-time Bishop of Chichester. Dedicated to Bell's profound engagement with public affairs, immigration, and the ecumenical movement, the lecture series invites reflection on his fearless commitment to truth, justice, and care for the vulnerable - from refugees and the Jewish community to the confessing church in Nazi Germany.

This year's lecture will be delivered by **Andrew**

Chandler, Bell's most recent biographer. Drawing on decades of research, Professor Chandler will ask: what became of the moral, cultural and intellectual legacies of Bell's long public ministry after his death? And how might they be re-imagined and revived in a very different church and age today? **Free admission. Donations welcome. Booking essential, through the website.**

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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.

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