

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the sea, or built the sky,
love eternal, free, and boundless,
forced the Lord of life to die,
lifted up the Prince of princes
on the throne of Calvary.

Now on those eternal mountains
stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
with the ceaseless alleluias
which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead, and lives for aye.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.

*Words: Job Hupton (1762-1849)
and J. M. Neale (1818-1866);*

Music: NEANDER, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 30: 15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SECOND READING Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my

God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

GOSPEL READING Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded;
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Now I sink before thee lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on thy mighty works I ponder;
how, by mystery surrounded,
depths no man hath ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with thee are hidden.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
light, who dost my soul enlighten;
joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
fount, whence all my being floweth;
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: *Johann Franck (1618-1677)*

tr. *Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Music: *SCHMÜCKE DICH, melody from J. Crüger's
Geistliche Kirchen-Melodien (1649)*

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;

'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: *Charles Everest (1814-1877)*

Music: BRESLAU, *melody from As Hymnodus Sacer*
(Leipzig, 1625)

arr. *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

When, in our music, God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

Words: *F. Pratt Green (1930-2000)*

Music: ENGELBERG, *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

TODAY'S MUSIC

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

Motet: Sacerdotes Domini
William Byrd (1540-1623)

Closing Music: Fugue in G minor, BWV 542
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Today the Cathedral Choir returns after their summer break. We welcome new and returning Choristers and Lay Vicars, and this year's Organ Scholar Benedict Tanner.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 14 September

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**

- On **Wednesday** we are delighted to welcome **Chantry Choir** to sing Choral Evensong.
- During Evensong on **Thursday** we celebrate and give thanks for our Cathedral Volunteers and their work.
- Evensong on **Saturday** includes the Installation of Archbishop Herwig Gössl, Archbishop of Bamberg, as Ecumenical Canon of Honour. At the Eucharist on **Sunday** The Lord Bishop of Chichester, The Right Revd Dr Martin Warner, will preside and Archbishop Gössl will preach.

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

NOTICES

Peter Blencowe, who worked as a teacher at The Prebendal School in the 1970's, has sadly passed away at the age of 95. His wife, Anna, has asked us to pass on an invitation to anyone who knew him, to his Thanksgiving Service, which will take place at St Mary's Stoughton this afternoon, 7 September 2025, at 2pm.

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 This week, 9 September at 1.10pm, we welcome pianist Margaret Fingerhut MBE. Please note there is no concert on 16 September.

The Friends have organised a **Quiz Night & Fish 'n' Chips Supper** at Fishbourne Centre on Friday 12 September **NB—last chance to book**. For catering purposes tickets must be booked (through the website) by 5.00pm on Monday 8 September—don't miss out! Also 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.

The **Fellowship talks** series resumes on Monday 22 September at 2.15pm with a presentation on Christian motifs and themes in the works of Vincent Van Gogh. *Please see website for full details.*

'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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