

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 19 JULY SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass Setting:	Missa Brevis in B-flat <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)</i>
Anthem:	O sacrum convivium <i>Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)</i>
Closing Music:	Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137 <i>Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)</i>

From 10.55am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Words: *Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

Music: *ANGEL VOICES, E. G. Monk (1819-1900)*

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 44: 6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM 86: 11-end

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth : O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise thy Name for evermore.
For great is thy mercy toward me : and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
O God, the proud are risen against me : and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed : because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

SECOND READING Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of

God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

OFFERTORY HYMN

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy Church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one body with one head.

O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread, its hallowed token,
we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

Words: *Richard Parsons (1882-1948)*

Music: *OFFERTORIUM, Michael Haydn (1737-1806)*

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live,
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Words: *Brian Foley (1919-2000)*

Music: *ALL FOR JESUS, John Stainer (1840-1901)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Words: *Richard Baxter (1615-1691) and others*
Music: *DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall (1731-1789)*

Evensong this afternoon marks the end of both this year's Southern Cathedrals Festival and the Cathedral Choir's term. During the service we will bid farewell to four Choristers as they prepare to start at new schools in September; to our 2025–26 Organ Scholar Benedict Tanner, who moves to Oxford to be Organ Scholar at New College from September; and to retiring Lay Vicar David Riley, with deep gratitude for more than 30 years' of faithful service. Evensong will be followed by a reception in the South Transept. All are warmly welcome to attend.

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**

Thursday

10.30am **Holy Communion**

according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 26 July—Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

10.00am **Choral Mattins**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Thursday 23 July, 12.00—Memorial Service for
Cynthia Bacon

NOTICES

David Riley *Charles Harrison, Organist & Master of the Choristers, writes:* Today marks the end of David Riley's long and distinguished service in the Cathedral choir. His current tenure began in 1992, following an earlier stint in the 1980s. David has offered unstinting professionalism and loyalty, qualities that have earned him the respect and affection of his colleagues, and many others in the cathedral community. We are delighted that David will continue to live in Chichester, and continue his contribution to the life of the Cathedral. A reception in his honour will be held after Evensong today.

Southern Cathedrals Festival *The Dean writes...*

It has been a great privilege and a delight to welcome the Southern Cathedrals Festival to Chichester this year. Many thanks go to our Organists, choir and to the Liturgy and Music department for their extremely hard work to make this such a successful event. Thank you also to the many others, including vergers, stewards and my fellow clergy who have worked hard to ensure the success and smooth running of the festival. Thursday's Evensong will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on 12 August at 3pm. Next year's festival will take place at Winchester Cathedral.

Visiting Choirs While the Cathedral Choir enjoys the summer break, we are delighted to welcome the following choirs to sing our services:

Christ Church Cathedral, Houston (20-21 July)

St Dunstan's, Mayfield (22 July)

St Nicholas, Worth (23 July)

St James, Emsworth (24 July)

Hythe Choir (25-26 July)

Old Town Parish, Hastings (29 July)

St Mary's, Horsham (1-2 August)

Worcester College, Oxford (3-5 August)

St Mary's, Rye (6 August)
St George's, Beckenham (7-9 August)
Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida
(10-14 August)
Ferrabosco Singers (17-23 August, not 20)
Laus Deo (27-30 August)
Lees Court Music (5-6 September)

Please keep these groups in your prayers over the coming weeks. We are grateful to each choir for their preparation and for bringing their talents to Chichester to provide choral worship.

Sunlight Trail Thursday 23 July from 10.00am. Start the school holidays with a flurry of creativity! The Novium Museum, Chichester Cathedral and Chichester Library come together to offer summer-inspired craft activities—make a wooden spoon character inspired by Mr Benn at The Novium, paper plate animals inspired by the Piper Tapestry in the Cathedral, and pipe cleaner flower bouquets at the Library, in any order. Tickets are £9 per child and accompanying adult from the website.

Summer of Colour is here! Welcoming families this summer We are delighted to welcome families into the cathedral through Summer of Colour, our free family trail inspired by John Piper's vibrant tapestry as part of our GLOWING + ALIVE programme.

Through colour, creativity and discovery, the trail offers children and their grown-ups an opportunity to explore the cathedral, encounter its stories and experience this special place in a new way.

This is an important part of our mission to make the Cathedral a welcoming and accessible place for children, young people and families. We pray that all who visit this summer will feel a sense of belonging, wonder and connection as they discover more about the cathedral and the beautiful colours found in our artwork, stained glass, and decorations.

We would love you to be part of this welcome. Bring your children or grandchildren to enjoy Summer of Colour and encourage your family and friends to come and explore the cathedral too. Please do spread the word and invite neighbours, friends, and families to join us this summer. *Summer of Colour runs until 4 September 2026.*

Chichester Cathedral Friends All are welcome at Friends events. Book via 01243 812980 (Tuesday/Friday mornings) or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends.

- Friends Summer Drinks Party, Tuesday 28 July in the Deanery Gardens.
- Three day visit to Lichfield Cathedral and the National Memorial Arboretum, Monday 14—Wednesday 16 September.

Further details on all events from the website above.

Light Experience Running from 23 – 31 October 2026, this year's immersive installation by Luxmuralis, *Illuminat-*

ing Art, will once again transform the Cathedral through large-scale projections and an original score by David Harper. Building on last year's success the experience will take visitors on a journey through the building, exploring four centuries of artistic imagination in a striking and contemporary way.

Tickets are now available, with early bird rates offered until the end of August (or until sold out), via the Cathedral website.

Annual Meeting—Save the Date! All those interested in Cathedral life are welcome to join our Annual Meeting. On Wednesday 23 September, the event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong (commencing at 5.30pm and sung by the Choir of St Paul's Church, Chichester) before the formal start of the Annual Meeting around 6.30pm. From celebrating our 950th anniversary, to welcoming more than 200,000 people through our doors, this has been a year of renewed confidence and vibrant activity across Cathedral life. This meeting reflects on the many ways that life was expressed through worship, music, art, events and education, alongside the careful stewardship of our historic Cathedral and estate. It is also an opportunity to hear from our Dean, Edward, our Residentiary Canons, staff and volunteers whose dedication, talent and service brought the Cathedral's mission to life and shaped this remarkable year. The Meeting will be followed by light hospitality in the Cathedral kindly provided by Cloisters Kitchen & Garden. If you are planning to attend, please register via the website (What's On section and navigate to 23 September) so we have an idea of numbers.

If you are able to make a donation to the Cathedral...

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the Cathedral by Direct Debit on a regular monthly, quarterly or annual basis. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it directly back to the Cathedral.

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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.

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].