

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH INVESTITURE INTO
THE ORDER OF ST RICHARD



SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026
3.00PM

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THE ORDER OF ST RICHARD

The Order of St Richard is an award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional service to the parish, the local community and the Diocese. A number of people from each Archdeaconry are awarded the Order of St Richard every year.

At today's service the recipients of the award will receive a badge bearing the episcopal coat of arms of St Richard attached to a ribbon. The recipients will also receive a certificate signed by Bishop Will.

Those who receive the award of The Order of St Richard today are people who, in the words of St Richard, know, love and follow Jesus, and as such they are an inspiration to all of us.

Order of St Richard Panel:

Sara Stonor DL (Chair)

Fiona Bell

Phoebe Cameron

Paul Legrave

Ewart Wooldridge

Please pray for those to be invested into The Order of St Richard:

ARCHDEACONRY OF BRIGHTON AND LEWES

ELAINE BOOTH	<i>St Luke, Seaford</i>
DANIEL AND TAMARA JACKSON	<i>St Luke, Prestonville</i>
BRIAN LAWRENCE	<i>St Martin, St Wilfrid and St Alban, Brighton</i>
REGINALD NEVILLE	<i>Coldean</i>
ISABELLA SOANES	<i>St Andrew, Hove</i>
VANESSA THOMPSON	<i>Kingston Buci</i>
SUE TOPP	<i>St Leonard, Seaford</i>

ARCHDEACONRY OF CHICHESTER

KIRSTIN BOSLEY	<i>Midhurst</i>
PETER BOWERS	<i>Lancing with Coombes</i>
REUBEN DOMMETT	<i>Beeding and Bramber with Botolphs</i>
ANN MACAULAY (awarded separately)	<i>Wick</i>
JOHN MURRAY	<i>St James, Heyshott</i>
FRANCES TALBOT	<i>Lavant</i>
CAROLINE TAYLOR	<i>The Octagon</i>
AMANDA WORRALL	<i>Lurgashall</i>

ARCHDEACONRY OF HASTINGS

BRENDA COX	<i>Battle</i>
ANTHONY DUNNETT	<i>Wadhurst</i>
PAULINE FELLA	<i>St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne</i>
CAROL HAYWOOD	<i>Hellingly and Upper Dicker</i>
RHYLVA HOLDER	<i>Willingdon</i>
DAVID AND PAMELA JEFFERIES	<i>Winchelsea</i>
ANTHONY MEADOWS	<i>Chailey</i>

CHARLES MERCHANT

Burwash

CEDRIC PARRISH

Danehill with Chelwood Gate

JOSHUA STOCKWELL

Newick

JUDITH WHITEMAN

Ticehurst and Flimwell

ARCHDEACONRY OF HORSHAM

JANE COAN (awarded separately)

Cuckfield

GILL COLLIER MORGAN

Slinfold

BELINDA MACLEAN

Ardingly

COLIN SQUIRES

St John the Evangelist, Burgess Hill

MADELEINE TAYLOR

Gossops Green and Bewbush

RICHARD THOMPSON

Hurstpierpoint

JENNIFER WHARTON

Cophorne

EXTRA-PAROCHIAL

JANICE POWELL

Family Support Work

MANDY WATSON

Education

CHRISTINE EMSON

Mothers' Union

ORDER AND MEDAL OF ST RICHARD

SARA STONOR

BEFORE THE SERVICE

At 2.55pm, the Canon Treasurer escorts to their seats:

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST SUSSEX
Mr Gary Shipton, and Mrs Christine Shipton

*Immediately before the service, **please stand** as the Dean escorts to her seat:*

HM LORD-LIEUTENANT OF WEST SUSSEX
Lady Emma Barnard

Please then sit for the Welcome from the Dean.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

NEH 485
Edward Plumptre (1821-1891)

Thornbury
Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

Please sit.

INVESTITURE INTO THE ORDER OF ST RICHARD

The Bishop introduces the service and the purpose of The Order of St Richard.

The Archdeacons announce the name and parish of each recipient, who are invested into The Order of St Richard by the Bishop, assisted by members of the Panel of The Order of St Richard.

The recipients then stand before the Bishop and together we pray The Prayer of St Richard:

All **Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which thou hast given us,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us:
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly.
Amen.**

The recipients face the congregation and are greeted with applause.

Please stand.

HYMN *during which the Procession moves to the Quire*



O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

NEH 414
William Cowper (1731-1800)

Caithness
Melody from the Scottish Psalter (1635)

Please remain standing. The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Book of Common Prayer

William Smith (1603-1645)

Please sit. The choir sings

THE PSALM

I call with my whole heart: hear me, ○ Lord, I will keep thy statutes.
Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy
testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust.
Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might be occupied in thy
words.

Hear my voice, ○ Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness: quicken
me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: and are far from thy law.
Be thou nigh at hand, ○ Lord: for all thy commandments are true.
As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since: that thou
hast grounded them for ever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.
Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me: quicken me, according to
thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly: for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord: quicken me, as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me: yet do I not
swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors: because they keep not
thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments: O quicken me,
according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting: all the judgements of thy right-
eousness endure for evermore.

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth
in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word: as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them: but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judge-
ments.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law: and they are not
offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health: and done after thy com-
mandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies: for all my ways are
before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord: give me under-
standing, according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me, according to thy
word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise: when thou hast taught me thy
statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are
righteous.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord: and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and thy judgements shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalm 119: 145-end

Please stand as the choir sings the Gloria:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Please sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Read by Sara Stonor DL, Panel Chair of the Order of St Richard

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went for three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' He cried out to the Lord; and the Lord showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the Lord made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he put them to the test. He said, 'If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in his sight, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.'

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they camped there by the water.

Exodus 15: 19-27

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him,
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Please sit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1: 6-14

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Luke 2: 29-32

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in B-flat

Remain standing to say together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir: Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

Please sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the people with his truth.

Psalm 96: 1-2, 13

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

THE PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with the Grace:

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Please stand.

HYMN *during which a cash collection is taken to support the mission and ministry of Chichester Cathedral.*

Chichester Cathedral relies heavily on your generous donations. Whatever you give, whether large or small, helps us to maintain this special place and everything we offer.



Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Common Praise 81
Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Lord of the Years
Michael Baughen (b. 1930)
arranged by David Iliff (1939-2024)

THE BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

FUGUE IN C MAJOR BWV 547ii *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Please remain standing as the procession departs and the Award recipients process to the Shrine of St Richard.