

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), based on Psalm 72;

Music: CRÜGER, Adapted by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)
from a chorale by J. Crüger (1598-1662)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies
behind and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments and win the
crown of everlasting joy;
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 Genesis 32: 22-31

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his
eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He
took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise
everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man
wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that
he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip
socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled
with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.'
But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'
So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said,
'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called
Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with
humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him,
'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you
ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called
the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face,
and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he
passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh
my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made
heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that
keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor
sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence
upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the
moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he
that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed,
knowing from whom you learned it, and how from
childhood you have known the sacred writings that are
able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ
Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for

teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name:
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have:
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: PADERBORN, Paderborn Gesangbuch (1765)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson (1842-1906)

Music: ST MARGARET, Albert L. Peace (1844-1912)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,

let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show,
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Sion's children know.

Words: *John Newton (1725-1807)*

Music: *ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)*

TODAY'S MUSIC

sung by the Choir of St Peter's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea

Mass setting: Communion Service in C
John Ireland (1879-1962)
Motet: Panis Angelicus
César Franck (1822-1890)
Closing Music: Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

NOTICES

In Conversation with Sir Alexander McCall Smith— Last chance for tickets!

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. The team from St Olav's Bookshop will be selling a selection of Sir Alexander's books on the day.

We are grateful to the **Choir of St Peter's Church**, Bexhill-on-Sea, for singing our services this weekend.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series This week, 21 October at 1.10pm, we welcome Brighton Chamber Ensemble.

Fellowship Talks: Monday 20 October, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall—*Julian of Norwich; Canon Earl Collins, Chancellor Chichester Cathedral* An exploration of the life, work and spirituality of St Julian of Norwich, writer, anchoress and mystic. We are grateful to Earl for stepping in at very short notice as our scheduled speaker is unwell.

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. We look forward to welcoming you.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

5.30pm **Evening Prayer** said (Friday at 4.30pm; Saturday Choral Evensong at 4.30pm)

Sunday 26 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**

Next weekend we welcome Wessex Chamber Choir to sing our services.

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

Newcomers' Evening at the Deanery, Monday 27 October, 6.30–8pm. 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

Chichester950 Valuation Event Henry Adams Fine Art is hosting a valuation event in the Cathedral on Monday 3 November, 10.00am–4.00pm. Guests are invited to bring along antiques, artworks, jewellery, silver, and collectables to be valued. Appointments can be booked by contacting the Chichester showroom on 01243 532223 or emailing auctions@henryadams.co.uk. In place of a valuation fee, visitors are encouraged to make a donation to the Cathedral; a share of the commission on any items subsequently auctioned by Henry Adams will also be donated to the Cathedral. Further details from www.henryadams.co.uk/news

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 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.

God is an Englishman is the title of a recent book by **Bi-jan Omrani**. He will be **in conversation with the Dean** at St Olav's Bookshop, North Street, 23 October 7-8.30pm (drinks from 6.30).

In this work Omrani outlines the ways in which Christianity has been part of our national story for over 1,700 years, and has shaped our legal system and sense of morality. He charts a way forward for the Church, seeking a renewed Christian vision for the dignity of human beings in a flourishing society. To book: mail@stolavchristianbookshop.uk or 01243 782790

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, 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.

'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

High Sheriff of West Sussex Community Conferences 2025 *Mental Health Matters—Stigma, Access, Men's Mental Health* A series of discussions across the county, exploring new solutions to meeting the needs of those with mental health difficulties in our communities. The Chichester event takes place on Wednesday 26 November, 10.00-12.30; for more details and to book please contact westsussex@highsheriffs.com

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.

The Greek Orthodox Church Chichester are hosting a 'Come & See' morning on Saturday 1 November, 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.

Our **Advent and Christmas** schedule has been published on the website this week. Please note the following dates for your diary:

Sunday 30 November, 4.30pm—Advent Procession
Thursday 18, Friday 19, Saturday 20, Sunday 21 December—Carol Services (6.00pm Thursday/Friday, 3.00pm Saturday/Sunday)

Christmas Eve—Crib Services at 11.00am/2.00pm; Evensong at 6.00pm; Midnight Mass at 11.00pm

Christmas Day—BCP Eucharist at 8.00am; Family Eucharist at 9.00am; Choral Mattins at 10.00am; Eucharist at 11.00am

Sunday 4 January, 6.00pm—Epiphany Procession
Please see the website for full details.

You'll also find details of our Christmas family trail, featuring **Wilfrid the Seal** as he journeys through the Cathedral discovering the story at the heart of Christmas.

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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].