

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST TWELFTH 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: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Nigel Ashworth, Priest Vicar

TODAY'S MUSIC

Sung by Ferrabosco Singers

Mass Setting: Missa Aedis Christi
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Anthem: Thou art Peter
Peter Tranchell (1922-1993)

Closing Music: Tu es Petra
Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Words: *Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Music: *HEREFORD, Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)*

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 Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

PSALM 138

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart :
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy
Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou
hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.
When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst
my soul with much strength.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they
have heard the words of thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is
the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the
lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh
me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness
of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me :
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not
then the works of thine own hands.

SECOND READING Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that

God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself... and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done':
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:

more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: William Turton (1856-1938)

Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us peace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Music: SOLOTHURN, Swiss traditional melody

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

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Music: LUCKINGTON, Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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)
4.30pm **Said Evening Prayer** (Monday–Wednesday)
Choral Evensong (Thursday, Friday)
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Saturday)

Please note the earlier time of Evening Prayer/Evensong this week (Monday–Friday).

Thursday

- 10.30am **Holy Communion**
according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 30 August—Thirteenth 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**

This week we are delighted to welcome Laus Deo as our visiting choir (Thursday to Sunday).

NOTICES

Canon Nigel Ashworth's last service at the Cathedral will be ON Sunday 6 September, in advance of his licensing as Rector of St Wulfran's, Ovingdean in late October. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift via bank transfer, please use the following details:

Dean & Chapter of Chichester Cathedral
Account No: 20702426
Sort Code: 60 05 24
Reference: Nigel

Alternatively, cash can be left via the Vergers' office.
Donations to be received **by Monday 31 August**.

Notice of Revision of the Electoral & Community

Rolls Notice is hereby given that the (Parish Equivalent) Electoral and Community Roll of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity (Chichester Cathedral) will be revised between Wednesday 26 August – Tuesday 8 September. A copy of the current Roll is available at the West Doors (please ask if you want to view it); if your name is on the list do nothing. Your name will remain on the Roll. If your contact details have changed in the last year, or if any of the following bullets apply (making you ineligible to be on the roll), please contact

chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk to update:

- You have become a clerk in Holy Orders
- You state in writing the wish to be removed
- You were not entitled to enrol last year
- You have not habitually attended public worship in the Cathedral in the preceding six months

If you are not on the Roll and are eligible to join, email Chris as above for a form or collect one from the team at the West Doors or Vergers' Office.

Full instructions are included on the form itself. Forms must be returned no later than Tuesday 8 September. The revised Roll will be published on Wednesday 9 September. The Annual Community Meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 September (following Choral Evensong).

Intention to amend the Cathedral Constitution and

Statutes The Cathedral Chapter (the governing body of Chichester Cathedral) is preparing amendments to the Cathedral's Constitution and Statutes.

Copies of the Draft Instrument, which contains the complete text of the proposed amendments, may be inspected on the Cathedral website (accessed from the News page) or physically at the Visitor Desk at the West Doors. Chapter will consider all written representations received during the consultation period before determining whether to proceed with the proposed amendments.

Written representations (to be received no later than 31 August) should be sent to The Chapter Clerk, Chichester Cathedral, c/o the Cathedral Offices, or by email to: governance@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Friends Coffee Morning Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for coffee, cake and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month (5 September) in the Cathedral's South Transept. 10.00-11.15am

Volunteers needed for City's 800th Celebrations

Saturday 5 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm

The City is celebrating 800 years with a Medieval Fair round the Cross and Cathedral Green. We are planning a Cathedral Stall with activities for young children and a Family Fun Hunt in the Cathedral for different aged children, for which volunteers are invited to assist the clergy. We will also have flyers to advertise our services, including the Family Service. To volunteer for a 2-hour slot, please email vanessa.baron@chichestercathedral, sign up over coffee or give your name to any of the Clergy.

Organ Spectacular (Saturday 5 September, 7-9pm) is an informal evening concert performed by Cathedral Organists Charles Harrison and Tim Ravalde, raising funds for Chichester Cathedral and its music. During the event attendees will have the opportunity to explore Chichester Cathedral after its usual visiting hours. A bar will be open throughout. Tickets and further details are available through the website's What's On pages.

Tales from the Cathedral Library *Why does Matthew Parker deserve our praise?* Tuesday 8 September, 10.00am, George Bell House. Matthew Parker was Queen Elizabeth's first Archbishop of Canterbury between 1559 and 1575, yet his reputation is mixed and his work only recently coming to be appreciated. Was he a scholar out of his depth or a canny archbishop who dealt well with the hand he was forced to play? The *Tales from the Cathedral Library* series offers a chance to learn about

the Library's treasures in a welcoming, intimate setting—where every item has a story to tell—led by Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster and Canon Chancellor The Revd Dr Earl Collins. To book please see the website.

Save the Date—Cathedral Cleaning Party, Saturday 12 September, 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome! Please come to clean the Cathedral for the visit of Archbishop Richard Moth on Wednesday 16 September.

John Piper at Chichester Cathedral *A talk by The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron* Monday 14 September, 3.00-4.30pm, at West Sussex Record Office (Orchard Street) and online. Canon Vanessa's talk will include the background to the commission to create the tapestry in the Cathedral, with reference to the correspondence held at the Record Office; an overview of Piper's longstanding interest in churches, looking at his photography and stained-glass work; a look at the other influences on the design of the tapestry, most especially his willingness to work with new materials and his collaborative work with other people. Tickets can be obtained through www.wsro.org.uk, at £5 to attend online and £8 to attend in person.

Called through Cancer by Lisa Barnett, Thursday 3 September, 6.30pm, St Olav's Bookshop
Lisa Barnett and Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester, will discuss Lisa's book *Called through Cancer*, reflecting on Lisa's own journey through cancer treatment and exploring how illness can become a sacred space – where God is found, faith is deepened and vocation is reimagined. Cost: £10 (includes glass of wine or soft drink) and a £5 voucher which can be reclaimed against the cost of the book. To reserve a place, please contact mail@stolavchristianbookshop.uk or 01243 782790.

Join the Cathedral team at the Chichester Half Marathon (Sunday 4 October 2026) This year, Chichester Cathedral is proud to be an official charity partner of the Chichester Half Marathon, with a number of complimentary race entries available for those who would like to run and raise funds for the Cathedral. If you, or a family member, friend, child or grandchild aged 17 or over, would be interested in taking part, we'd be delighted to share more information. We're also keen to recruit volunteers to help steward the event route in the city centre, particularly around the Cathedral and Market Cross. This is a wonderful opportunity to represent the Cathedral, contribute to a major community event, and demonstrate our commitment to the life of our city.
To register your interest in either running or volunteering, please email oliver.tubb@chichestercathedral.org.uk with the subject line **"Chichester Half Marathon"**.

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

- **Online** Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral'; **By phone** 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00; **By post** Using the PGS application form. A copy is available to collect from the Visitors' Desk or the Vergers' Office.

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].