

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

ADVENT PROCESSION

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023
4.30PM

WELCOME

Built to the glory of God, the Cathedral is a living church that has been at the centre of life in Chichester for over nine centuries. We warmly welcome you to this service, and to journey with us through Advent to Christmas.

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Mfumo maalum wa sauti hutolewa kwa manufaa ya watumiaji wanaotumia vifaa vya kusikilizia. Ili kukitumia, tafadhali badilisha kifaa chako cha kusikia hadi 'T'.

Kukitokea dharura tafadhali fuata maelekezo ya Wasimamizi na Mashemanzi.

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Для людей, що користуються слуховими апаратами, працює індукційна петля. Щоб скористатися нею, слід перевести слуховий апарат у режим «Т».

У разі надзвичайної ситуації дотримуйтеся вказівок церковних служителів та помічників.

*Якщо ви бажаєте дізнатися більше про наше життя або хочете долучитися до нашої громади, зверніться до одного з наших священнослужителів або відвідайте наш сайт: **chichestercathedral.org.uk***

ADVENT

Near the end of his letter to the persecuted church in Rome, St Paul writes, ‘The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and...put on the armour of light’ (*Romans 12: 13*) – words which shape the first of the four majestic collects of Advent from the Book of Common Prayer that will mark our steps through this year’s Advent Procession.

Those words remind us that the condition of Advent is akin to that of the morning twilight: we are still in darkness but our eyes are fixed on the warmth on the horizon, the kind of dawn with which December is often so generous. In both the ancient world and Tudor England (when the prayer book was written), the long hours of darkness in the winter – unassisted by artificial light – would have shaped your life in a way unimaginable to us now. The lengthy night was a time of danger, licentiousness and violence – all of which stood in contrast to the light represented by Christ in the Gospels or indeed the new Jerusalem in which there is no need of sun or moon, as ‘the Lamb is the light thereof’ (*Revelation 21: 23*).

In this service, the longings of biblical Israel speak to our own desire to see light breaking on the horizon and the coming of one who will bring an end to humanity’s cycles of violence and oppression. In contrast to the proud edifices of Herod the Great, we will discover that God will establish his throne in a manger, born of Mary. He will reveal his power not in the removal of the Romans but, rather, in the humble acceptance of a violent death wrought by the interlocking forces of government, religion and the crowds; and, in so doing, show us something altogether greater: the unsurpassable power of God’s love to bring light into the darkest corners of our world and hearts, even to breach the domains of death itself.

Let us then wait quietly for Him now who was, and is, and is to come.

BEFORE THE SERVICE

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Played by Thomas Simpson, Organ Scholar:

PRAELUDIUM IN F-SHARP MINOR *BuxWV 146*

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND *BWV 661*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND *BWV 599*

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT *BWV 602*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Played by Timothy Ravalde, Assistant Organist:

FUGUE IN B MINOR *BWV 544ii*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation is requested to be as quiet as possible during the organ music.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The service begins in darkness. Please remain seated.

From the Shrine of St Richard, the choir sings

THE MATIN RESPONSORY

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a
cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should
come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel,
thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come: to reign over thy people
Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a
cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should
come to reign over thy people Israel?

*Matin Responsory
for Advent Sunday*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

GENESIS 1 : 1 - 5 is read, during which the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

The Interim Dean gives thanks to God for the light. The prayer concludes:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and for evermore.

Amen.

Please stand. Light from the Advent wreath is shared among the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

During this hymn, the procession moves to the west end of the Cathedral.



Choir Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
 and manifest thy virgin-birth:
 let every age adoring fall,
 such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed.

All The virgin womb that burden gained
with virgin honour all unstained;
the banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
that royal home of purity,
a giant in twofold substance one,
rejoicing now his course to run.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
his course he runs to death and hell,
returning on God's throne to dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Choir Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

All O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

NEH 19

St Ambrose (340-397)

tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866) and others

Puer nobis nascitur

adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Descant: John Scott (1956-2015)

Remain standing as the Interim Dean reads

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Bidding Prayer concludes with The Lord's Prayer:

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please sit.

I. THE MESSAGE OF ADVENT

CHOIR

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people;
my salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
fear not, for I will save thee;
for I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

The Advent Prose

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Remain seated. The Treasurer reads

THE SENTENCE

Watch therefore,
for ye know neither the day nor the hour
wherein the Son of Man cometh.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all flesh shall see it together.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty,
to judge both the quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
now and ever.
Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

The prophet speaks of the righteous Judge who will come from the line of David.

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it.

Isaiah 45: 2-8

Please stand.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

During this hymn, the procession moves to the Nave Platform.



**O come, O come, Emmanuel!
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse! free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Choir O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

All O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

AMNS 26

Latin Advent Antiphons

tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Veni Emmanuel

Melody adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Please sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

The people are called, amidst the encircling gloom, to see the dawning brightness of God's presence.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

Isaiah 60: 1-5a

CHOIR

Laetentur coeli,
et exsultet terra.
Jubilate montes laudem,
quia Dominus noster veniet,
et pauperum suorum
miserebitur.
Orietur in diebus tuis justitia
et abundantia pacis.

*Sing, O heavens;
and be joyful, O earth;
Break forth into singing, O mountains;
for the Lord our God cometh,
and will have mercy
upon his afflicted.
In thy days shall righteousness flourish,
yea, and abundance of peace.*

*Words from an Advent Responsory
Isaiah 49: 13, Psalm 72: 7*

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

II. THE WORD OF GOD

Remain seated. The Chancellor reads

THE SENTENCE

O people of Sion,
behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations,
and in the gladness of your heart
the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

Declare his honour unto the nations:
and his wonders unto all people.

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who hast caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning;
grant that we may in such wise hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that by patience, and comfort of thy holy word,
we may embrace, and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

CHOIR

Peace be to you and grace from him
who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood
that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, holy to our Lord,
the Lord, Almighty God,
who was, and is, and is to come;
sing Holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more;
they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun,
for Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22

adapted by Ruth Manz (1919-2008)

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

THE THIRD LESSON

The prophet foretells a righteous king who will dispel the darkness of this present age.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

Please stand.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN



Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
 arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying.
 Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
 The Bridegroom comes in sight,
 raise high your torches bright!
 Alleluia!
 The wedding song
 swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
 she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
 Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
 Now come, thou precious Crown,
 Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
 Hosanna!
 Let us prepare
 to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.

NEH 16

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

tr. F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

Wachet auf

Melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

III. THE PROPHETIC CALL

Remain standing. The Precentor reads

THE SENTENCE

Behold, I will send my Messenger
and he shall prepare the way before me.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord:
make his paths straight.

THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesu Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger
to prepare thy way before thee:
grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way,
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight,
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Please sit.

THE FOURTH LESSON

A call to be vigilant in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, 23-24

CHOIR

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou, then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What say'st thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

John 1: 19-23

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

THE FIFTH LESSON

The proclamation of John the Baptist.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'

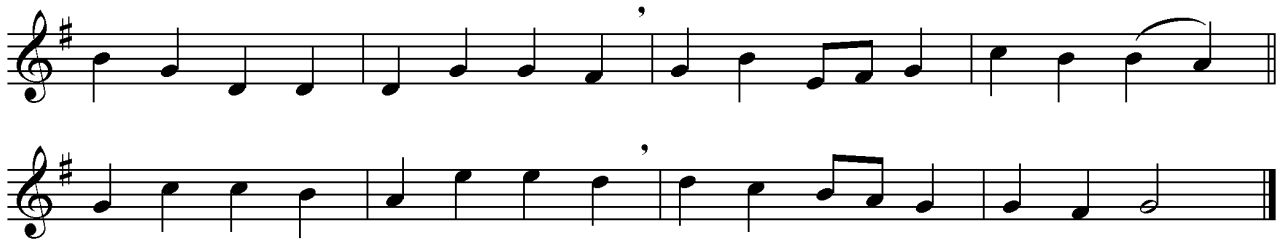
Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3: 1-6

Please stand.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

During this hymn, the procession moves to the Quire.



Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

NEH 3
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Cross of Jesus
John Stainer (1840-1901)

IV. THE GOD-BEARER

Remain standing. The Interim Dean says

THE SENTENCE

Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a Son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, 'God with us.'

Unto us a child is born:
unto us a Son is given.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who didst stoop to raise our fallen race
by the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we,
who have seen thy glory manifested in our flesh,
and thy love perfected in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in thine image,
and conformed to the likeness of thy Son,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Please sit.

CHOIR

During which the thurifer, acolytes and Gospeller move to Nave Platform.

Ave, maris stella,
Dei mater alma,
atque semper virgo,
felix caeli porta:

*Hail, star of the sea,
nurturing mother of God,
and ever-virgin,
happy gate of heaven:*

Solve vincla reis,
profer lumen caecis,
mala nostra pelle,
bona cuncta posce.

*Loosen the chains of the guilty,
send forth light to the blind,
our evil do thou dispel,
entreat for us all good things.*

Vitam praesta puram,
iter para tutum,
ut videntes Jesum
semper collaetemur.

*Bestow on us a pure life,
prepare for us a safe way:
that seeing Jesus,
we may ever rejoice.*

Sit laus Deo Patri,
summo Christo decus,
Spiritus Sancto
tribus honor unus.
Amen.

*Praise be to God the Father,
to the Most High Christ be glory,
to the Holy Spirit
be honour, to the Three equally.
Amen.*

*8th-century hymn for Vespers
on feasts of the Virgin Mary*

Edvard Grieg (1847-1907)

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Matthew 1: 18-23

Remain standing as the Gospel Procession returns. The choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Messe Solennelle - Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

THE CENSING OF THE HIGH ALTAR

Remain standing. The Bishop leads the Responsory:

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord:
in the midst of your temple.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:
and all flesh shall see it together.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.

The Bishop censes the High Altar as the choir sings

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Messe Solennelle - Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Remain standing. The Bishop, kneeling at the High Altar, leads the Responsory:

O Lord Jesus, come at evening time, with light:
**and in the morning, with your glory,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

He who receives our prayers says: Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David,
I am the bright and morning star.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL



Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!**

NEH 9

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Helmsley

Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799)

Included in Wesley's Select Hymns (1765)

THE BLESSING

The Bishop says

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for eternal life.
Amen.

May God the Son,
who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

PRELUDE IN C MINOR BWV 546i *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Please remain standing as the procession departs.

Please dispose of your extinguished candles using the baskets provided by the Stewards as you leave.

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Carol Services

There are four opportunities to attend this year's Carol Service:

- Tuesday 19th December, 6.00pm
- Wednesday 20th December, 6.00pm
- Thursday 21st December, 6.00pm (also livestreamed)
- Friday 22nd December, 3.00pm

Services on Christmas Eve

- Children's Crib Service, at 2.00pm and 4.00pm
- Christmas Eve Evensong, 6.00pm (also livestreamed)
- Midnight Mass, 11.00pm (also livestreamed)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chichester

Services on Christmas Day

- Said Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer, 8.00am
- Christmas Day Service for Children, Families & Caregivers, 9.15am
- Christmas Day Choral Mattins, 10.15am
- Christmas Day Eucharist, 11.15am (also livestreamed)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chichester

The Cathedral will close to the public for the rest of the day at 1.00pm.

The Epiphany Procession

A service celebrating the arrival of the Magi at Bethlehem

- Sunday 7th January, 6.00pm (also livestreamed)

Full details are available on the Cathedral website, or available to collect as a hardcopy brochure in the Cathedral.

No advance booking is required for our Christmas services.

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