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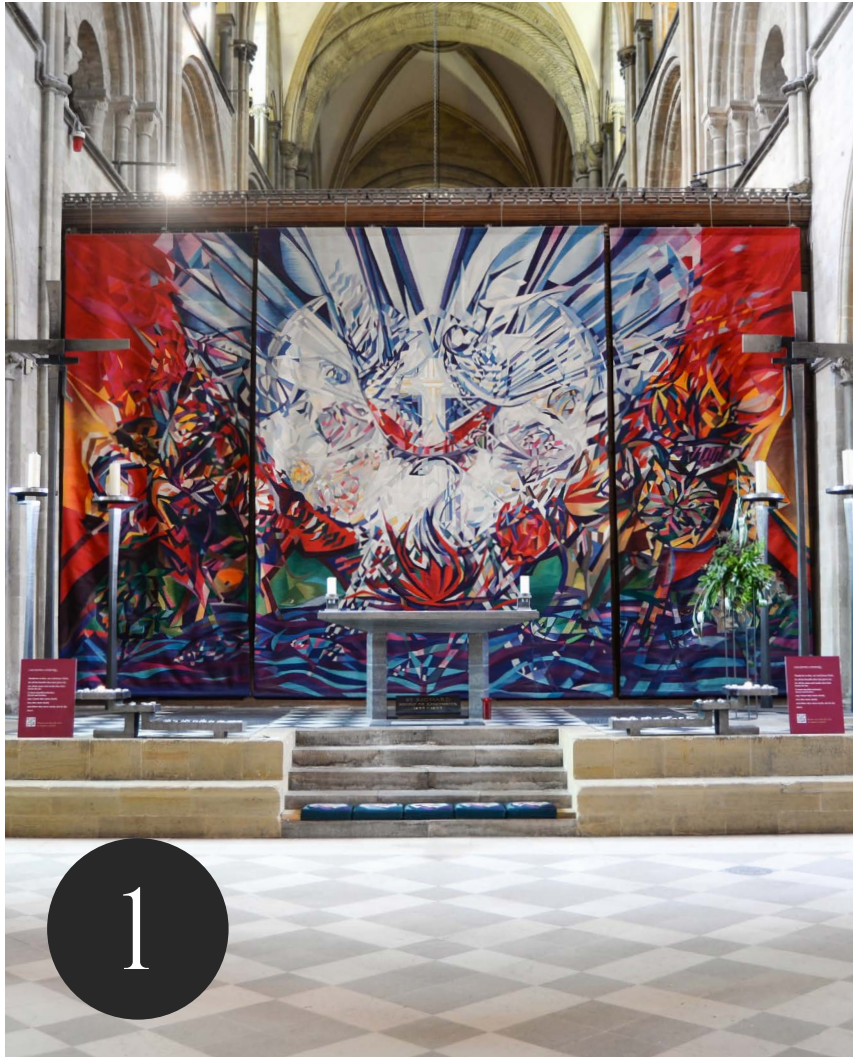
Discover more about the Cathedral's 900 year history,
and the shared heritage between Sussex and the US.



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EXPLORE CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

We hope that we can welcome you to the Cathedral in person, but until then here are some tasters to enjoy from your own home.



COMPLETE AN ONLINE PILGRIMAGE

Make an online pilgrimage to The Shrine of St Richard, our own Saint and 13th century Bishop.

The Shrine was one of the most important for pilgrims during Medieval times and thousands continue to visit and pray here each year.

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Image: The Shrine of Saint Richard, with the anglo-german tapestry by artist Ursula Benker-Schirmer



Image: The Cathedral's Organist & Master of the Choristers Charles Harrison

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JOIN US ONLINE FOR EVENSONG

Join us for Evensong and enjoy the exceptional beauty of our Cathedral choir whose singing has a global reputation. We encourage you to find a comfortable position that helps you to pray.

[Click here to join the service from 3rd March \(5.00pm EST\) >>](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

Here are just a few of the many historical American links to East and West Sussex for you to explore.

REVOLUTION

The father of the American Revolution Thomas Paine came from Lewes, East Sussex. Thomas Paine was introduced to Benjamin Franklin by the third Duke of Richmond, whose Goodwood Estate lies just outside of Chichester. The Duke gained the title of the 'Radical Duke' reflecting his support for the American Revolution.

The Sussex Declaration, a rare copy of the American Declaration of Independence, is held at the West Sussex Archives. The document is one of only two contemporary handwritten ceremonial parchment manuscript copies in existence, the other being the signed copy housed in the National Archives in Washington D.C.

Harvard University is hard at work with the West Sussex Archives to establish the stories behind this unique piece of shared American and English history.

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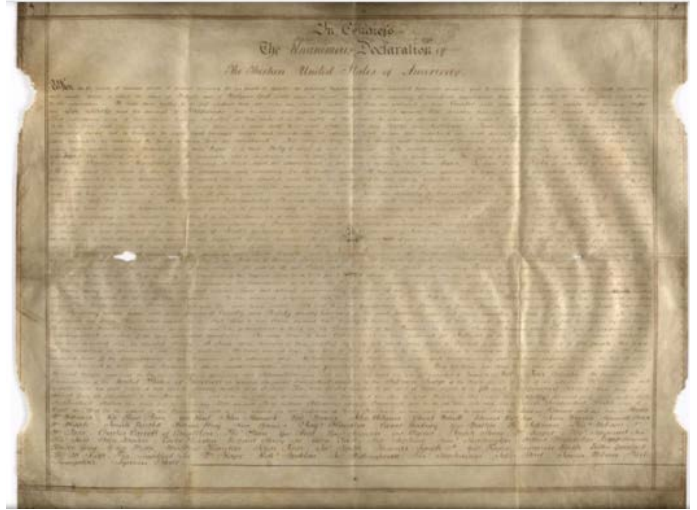


Image: Add Mss 8981 – Manuscript copy, on parchment, of the Declaration in Congress of the thirteen United States of America, 4 July 1776

WORLD WAR II

The first American to die in action in WWII is memorialised in the Cathedral's Sailor's Chapel.

Lt John Stanley Parker, from Boston, Massachusetts, had joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserves at the age of 51. He was on board HMS Broadwater (formerly USS Mason), one of 50 American Destroyers that were handed over to the British Royal Navy in 1940.

These Destroyers were exchanged for 99 leases on strategic bases in the Western Hemisphere.

The ships were re-named giving them the name of a town in America and Britain – there is a Broadwater in Nebraska and in England Broadwater was an important small town now part of Worthing, West Sussex.

HMS Broadwater came to Britain via Canada and was re-fitted as a convoy escort ship being too old as a fighting vessel. She was deployed on various escort duties and in July 1941 was sailing as an escort to the North Atlantic convoys.

These convoys were being hunted down by the German Submarine 'wolf packs'. HMS Broadwater was hit by torpedoes from a U-Boat and was so seriously damaged that 45 sailors lost their lives. Lt John Stanley Parker died in 1941, before the Americans joined the war.



Image: The memorial for Lt John Stanley Parker (top); The Sailors' Chapel at Chichester Cathedral where Lt Stanley's memorial is located (bottom).

BERNSTEIN

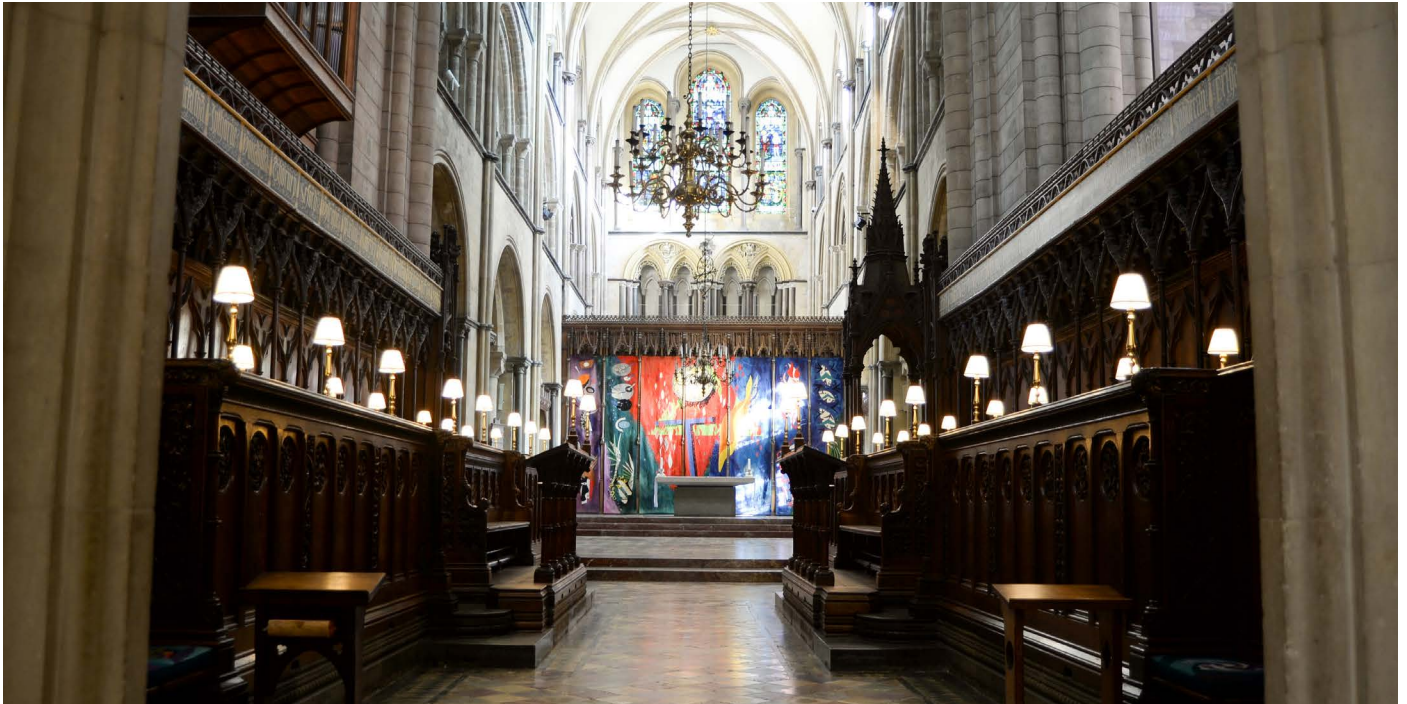


Image: The Cathedral's Quire and Presbytery, with the vibrant John Piper tapestry.

Leonard Bernstein wrote *The Chichester Psalms*. The work was commissioned for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals Festival at Chichester Cathedral by the Cathedral's Dean, Walter Hussey.

The world premiere took place in the Philharmonic Hall, New York, on 15 July 1965 conducted by Bernstein, followed by the performance at Chichester on 31 July 1965 conducted by the Cathedral's Organist and Master of the Choristers, John Birch.

On 24 November 2018, as the finale of the *Bernstein in Chichester* celebrations to mark the centenary of

Bernstein's birth, the choirs of Chichester Cathedral, Winchester Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral joined forces to sing *Chichester Psalms* at Chichester Cathedral.

They were accompanied by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Marin Alsop, a former pupil of Bernstein. The treble solo was sung by the Chichester Head Chorister, Jago Brazier. Alexander Bernstein, Bernstein's son, was in the audience, as he had been in 1965.

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