

The Cathedral can be a busy place, used for many different events every day. The worship of God and the life of the community have always been intertwined. Your prayers help to make it a place where God is honoured and remembered.



Please pray with me for:



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A Spiritual Tour of CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL



THIS LEAFLET IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU PRAY AS
YOU WALK AROUND THE CATHEDRAL.
AS YOU DO SO, YOU WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF PILGRIMS WHO HAVE COME HERE FOR HUNDREDS
OF YEARS.

A suggested prayer map of Chichester Cathedral



1 THE BAPTISTRY, containing the font, is the place of baptism. If you have been baptised or christened, thank God for your welcome into the life of the Church (even if you cannot remember it) and for those who first told you about Jesus Christ.

Loving God, thank you for welcoming me into the family of your Church, and keep me faithful to my baptismal promises.

2 THE CHAPEL OF ST GEORGE reminds us of a war-torn world, but also of courage and self-sacrifice. This is the world in which we are called to make a positive difference.

Lord, make me a channel of your peace, and give the world your gifts of justice, mercy and healing.

3 THE CHAPEL OF ST CLEMENT is where Morning Prayer is said each day. The altar frontal by Cecil Collins is called 'Icon of Divine Light'.

O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting, may your name be praised. I ask your light, grace and guidance in all I do this day.

4 THE ARUNDEL SCREEN has a memorial to Bishop George Bell; one of a number of memorials and tombs to Bishops and Deans around the Cathedral.

I pray to you, O God, for all those who bear the privilege and burdens of leadership in church and in state, that they may do so with wisdom and compassion.

5 THE SOUTH TRANSEPT WINDOW tells the whole story of the Bible in pictures.

Eternal God, thank you for the gift of your holy Word. Keep me faithful to its teaching and wisdom, and to the one to whom it witnesses, Jesus Christ our Lord.



6: *The Raising of Lazarus (detail)*

6 THE TWO ROMANESQUE SCULPTURES – the Chichester Reliefs – tell the story of Lazarus found in John's Gospel chapter 11, in which he is recalled to life by Jesus.

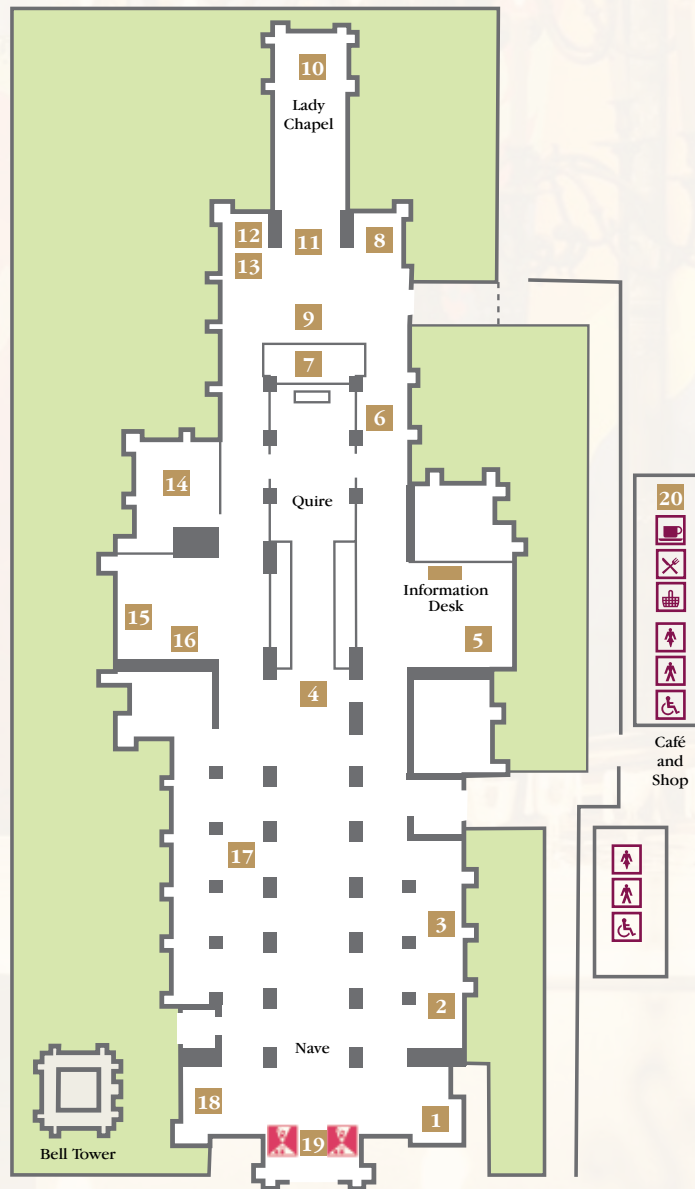
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the resurrection and the life. To your love I commend my loved ones; that you will care for them in life and in death.

7 THE PIPER TAPESTRY has symbols of God the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and the life of the whole world.

Creator of all that is, let my life reflect your life, and help me to find ways to respect and care for all that you have made.

8 THE MARY MAGDALENE CHAPEL has a painting by Graham Sutherland of the appearance of the risen Jesus to Mary, making her the first witness of the resurrection.

Living Lord, I thank you for all the women and men who have been bringers of your good news. Help me to bring that good news to the people and places where it is needed.



9 THE SHRINE OF ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, destroyed at the Reformation but now restored, remains the end of the pilgrims' journey. Here thousands have found peace, lit a candle, and prayed for the needs of others.

God of all the saints, I thank you for the love and laughter that marked the life of St Richard. Help me, in the words of his prayer, to know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. And be close to those in need, especially...

10 THE LADY CHAPEL is where Mary, the mother of Jesus, is especially remembered (note the Madonna and Child sculpture by John Skelton). It is also the place where the reserve sacrament is kept.

Jesus, I thank you for your blessed Mother, who treasured the word of God in her heart. I thank you also for her son Jesus Christ, and his presence with us in word and sacrament.

11 THE SCULPTURE OF CHRIST IN JUDGEMENT reminds us of the injustice in the world, and the ways in which we are unfaithful to God and our neighbours.

Lord, lead me not into temptation, deliver me from evil, and help me do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, so that I may be ready to meet you face to face.

12 THE CHAPEL OF JOHN THE BAPTIST has a painting by Patrick Proctor in which John the Baptist points away from himself to the person of Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, who sent John the Baptist to prepare the way before you, help me to point others to you, who are the way, the truth and the life.



13: *The Chagall Window (detail)*

13 THE MARC CHAGALL WINDOW is inspired by Psalm 150: 'Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.'

O God, make my life and the life of your whole creation, a hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

14 THE TREASURY displays the craft and generosity of past ages.

Generous God, make me generous in your service, inspired to use the talents you have given, for your purposes and your glory.

15 THE NORTH TRANSEPT has portraits of the bishops in Sussex over many centuries.

Thank you, O God, for all who have nourished my faith, taught me your word, and shaped and inspired my life.

16 THE GUSTAV HOLST MEMORIAL reminds us of the gift of music, so central to the worship of the Cathedral. Exhibitions are also often held in this part of the Cathedral.

God of beauty, I thank you for music, the arts, and all forms of creativity, through which we sense your abundance and your glory.



17 THE ARUNDEL TOMB is the subject of a poem by Philip Larkin, which ends, '... what will survive of us is love.'

God of compassion, I thank you for this reminder of human love, a reflection of your divine love. Hold me by the hand and deepen your love within me.

18 THE CHAPEL OF ST MICHAEL, also referred to as the Sailors' Chapel, speaks both of the angels (meaning 'messengers') of God, and of the sea and seafarers.

Lord, may your holy angels go with me on my journey, guiding me in the ways of wisdom, and at my journey's end bring me into the glory of your presence.

19 20 DONATIONS

The opportunity for Donations, and the Cathedral Café and Shop, invites us to reflect on the place of money, and of hospitality, in our lives.

Thank you, O God, for all your gifts, and help me to be generous with my resources of money, time, talents, and friendship.