

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## Diary Notes & News for the Congregation

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February marked the one year anniversary of the war in Ukraine

On the morning of the invasion of Ukraine the Archbishop of Canterbury and York issued a call for us to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for peace.

We share in the belief that this call to prayer remains as urgent today as it did at the start of the conflict, and reiterate our commitment to supporting those impacted by this war – this includes supporting those displaced, and now settling in our diocese.

Christian Aid is working with partners to provide hope and to ensure people survive and rebuild. To contribute your support, visit:

[www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies)

We invite our community to pray with us:

Holy and Eternal God

in Christ you show us the way of your kingdom,  
which is the way of love.

On this first anniversary of the war against Ukraine,  
transform the hearts and minds of all who make for war to the way  
of your

kingdom,  
grant courage and hope to all who work to bring peace,  
and pour out your mercy and love for all innocent victims of this  
atrocity.  
Help us and all people to be peace-makers,  
that your kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen.

A translation of the prayer in Ukrainian:

Святий і Предвічний Боже  
у Христі показуєш нам дорогу Царства Твого,  
що є шляхом любові.  
У цю першу річницю війни проти України,  
перетвори серця й розуми всіх, хто йде до війни, на шлях Твого  
царства,  
дай мужність і надію всім, хто працює для встановлення миру,  
і вилий свою милість і любов до всіх невинних жертв цього  
звірства.  
Допоможи нам і всім людям бути миротворцями,  
щоб прийшло Царство Твоє і на землі, як на небі.  
Амінь.

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Please do remember that we care about the well-being of our  
congregation and want to provide a supportive environment for all who  
worship here. If you would like to talk to someone, please contact our  
Canon Treasurer Vanessa on:

T: 01243 813589

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# Praying for Turkey & Syria

On Monday 6th February, an initial magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit in southern Turkey close to the border with northern Syria. A second 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck 9 hours later, with aftershocks following. Two more earthquakes hit Turkey and Syria on Monday 20th February.

Many thousands of men, women and children have died or are injured in the aftermath of the earthquakes.

We invite our community to join us in prayer, for the lives lost and for those who remain in crisis:

Father, we commend to your faithful love  
those who are crying from the depths;  
help them to watch and pray through their time of darkness  
in sure hope of the dawn of your forgiveness and redemption;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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There are a number of relief funds set-up in response to the crisis, including from Christian Aid. To make a donation please visit:

[www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies)

# Services this week at Chichester Cathedral

## I. Upcoming Services

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

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- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by the Lay Vicars*

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

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- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

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- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 3.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (Lady Chapel)
- 5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
  - 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
  - 5.30pm **Evening Prayer**
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## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

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8.00am **Holy Communion**

8.30am **Mattins** *said*

5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Second Sunday of Lent

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8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*

9.15am **Children, Families & Caregivers Service**

10.15am **Choral Mattins**

11.15am **Sung Eucharist** with Commissioning of Vergers,  
*also live-streamed*

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

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## Baptism and Confirmation Preparation

The Easter Vigil Service (on 8<sup>th</sup> April) this year will include baptisms and confirmations. If you would like to explore the possibility of being baptised or confirmed this year, do talk to one of our clergy. We would be glad to help you explore the Christian faith, as received in the Church of England, over a course of sessions this Lent.

# Lent at Chichester Cathedral

## Cathedral Lent Course: 'Who then is this?'

WHEN: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (12.00pm start, followed by a simple soup lunch. Finish by 2.30pm)

WHERE: 4 Canon Lane (Exception: 29th March, Vicars' Hall)

The forty days of Lent, which prepare us for Easter and our remembrance and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, are intended to help us grow in our faith and discipleship.

Through prayer, fasting, self-denial and almsgiving, we strive to become more attentive to God's presence in his word, in our worship, and through those in need.

We shall be following the diocesan course, entitled: 'Who then is this?' as it invites us to answer the question that the disciples asked about Jesus when he calmed the storm (Mark 4:41). We will also look back to people and events in the Old Testament to help us answer this question. As +Martin says, there is no right or wrong way to use this course. You will have used it well if you come to Easter Sunday with a richer sense of the resurrection as God's plan for how all things, across time, will come to perfection in the glory of heaven.

We do hope that you are able to join us. Please let Charlotte Rattray know if you plan on coming so that we can plan for catering purposes:  
**E: [charlotte.rattray@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.rattray@chichestercathedral.org.uk) T: 01243 812 488**

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## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent**

WHEN: 3-4pm, Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, & 5<sup>th</sup> April

WHERE: Lady Chapel

Join us for an hour of personal prayer and adoration as we sit, silently, with Jesus Christ our Saviour, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

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## **Lent Reading of the Gospel of Matthew**

WHEN: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1-4pm

WHERE: Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane

Each year the Lectionary invites us to read one of the Gospel's throughout the Church Year. This year we are reading St. Matthew's Gospel together. You are warmly invited to join members of the ministry team at the Cathedral at 4 Canon Lane on Tuesday 4th April 2023 from 1pm to 4pm as they read through St. Matthew's Gospel. The more readers the merrier! Please bring a Bible (whichever English translation you use is absolutely fine) and a packed lunch. Teas and coffees will be provided. If you would like to attend, please let Charlotte Rattray know on [charlotte.rattray@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.rattray@chichestercathedral.org.uk) or **01243 812 488**

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# Events at Chichester Cathedral

## **Artist-In-Residence | Anne Grebby**

WHEN: Until April 2023

WHERE: John the Baptist Chapel

Internationally exhibited artist Anne Grebby is undertaking a three month residency at the Cathedral.

During her residency, which will take place from 23rd January - 1st April, Anne will be creating a painted triptych, depicting the Baptism of Christ.

Our community, and visitors to the Cathedral, are invited to see Anne at work, and during occasions, speak to her directly about her creative practice.

Anne has exhibited work in a number of sacred spaces, including at All Saints Church, Hove, Lincoln Cathedral, the Convent Refettrio di San Michelle, Italy, and at a Jewish Synagogue in Essengen, Germany. She has completed residencies in England, Germany, Italy and America.

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## **Community Roadshows**

WHEN: Multiple times (starting on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm)

WHERE: Cathedral Nave

Hear from our team of staff, volunteers and partners about the major activity, opportunities and challenges that face our Cathedral, in 2023 and beyond, through a series of pop-up Community Roadshows.

There will be a wide-range of topics, from a behind-the-scenes insight into our major restoration projects, updates on exhibitions and events, and detail of the Cathedral's financial circumstances – as we continue

on our journey of recovery of following the pandemic, and through the cost-of-living crisis.

Each event takes place at 6.30pm, followed by light refreshments, and last approximately 45 minutes. You are invited to join us for a service of Choral Evensong before the event at 5.30pm:

Topics	Date	Topics
Community Roadshow: Events, Exhibitions & Hospitality	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 6.30pm	Discover the exhibitions and events taking place in 2023 and hear about the progress of our Visitor Desk trial. You will also meet our new Café partners, Seasoned.
Community Roll Meeting	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6.30pm	A summary of the Community Roll. An outline of the steps being taken to build our worshipping life in relation to the Vision.
Community Roadshow: Finance. Fundraising & Income Generation	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, 6.30pm	Distribution of the Cathedral's Annual Report, and an update from our Fundraising team on the work they have been completing following the pandemic. We will also learn more about the Cathedral's accommodation and shop.
Community Roadshow: Fabric & Heritage	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023, 6.30pm	Major works taking place, securing the Cathedral's fabric for future generations, including our roof restoration and lighting project.

## The Cathedral Theology Network at Chichester Cathedral

WHEN: Multiple dates and times

WHERE: Online

The Cathedral runs free and accessible online courses in theology, spirituality and history ([www.cathedraltheology.org](http://www.cathedraltheology.org)) and there are two courses available to all this coming March:

### *The Third Rome: An Introduction to Russian Orthodoxy*

In a time of great turbulence in the Orthodox East, Canon Gregory Platten (Chancellor, Lichfield Cathedral) gives four lectures on the history, spirituality, and contemporary presence of the Russian Orthodox Church in politics and culture. This is 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March) on Zoom at 7.00pm. For more information and to register interest go to [www.cathedraltheology.org/thirdrome](http://www.cathedraltheology.org/thirdrome)

### *Four Christian Mystics: Two Medieval, Two Modern*

Fr Earl Collins (CMD Officer of Chichester Diocese and Vicar of St John's Hove) returns to consider four great figures from the Christian mystical tradition - two medieval and two modern - in an attempt to consider different ways of understanding how awareness of God leads to transformation in the Christian life. On 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm on Zoom. For more information and to register interest, go to [www.cathedraltheology.org/four-mystics](http://www.cathedraltheology.org/four-mystics)

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## Queer Holiness: experience, scripture, and human flourishing

WHEN: 21<sup>st</sup> March (6.30pm)

WHERE: Vicars' Hall

For millennia institutional churches has told LGBTQI people what God expects them to be and how to act. From prohibitions on who they may love and marry, to being victims of erasure and denial, LGBTQI people have far too often been objectified and seen as the property of others. In parts of the church, and in its institutions, LGBTQI people remain the subject of hostile questions rather than being embraced as equal children of God. Whilst many churches now show genuine welcome to LGBTQI people, this is in no way the case across the board.

Charlie Bell argues that to reject the overwhelming scientific and experiential knowledge about LGBTQI people is no longer a valid position to hold, theologically or otherwise. His perspective is grounded in his work as a psychiatrist and a priest, covering biology, psychology, reason, scripture and an encompassing theological exploration. This perspective provides a challenge to the current official position of the Church of England, and calls us to a careful re-evaluation of one of the most fundamental issues of human flourishing.

Fr Charlie Bell is a priest of the Church of England, a Fellow of Girton College, University of Cambridge, and a practicing psychiatrist in South London, UK. He is also a former Chorister of this Cathedral. He holds both teaching and research positions in medical sciences and theology, and is the author of *Queer Holiness*, a theological exploration of same-sex relationships. His key interest is the intentional integration of scientific endeavour, discovery and experience with theology to better address questions of human flourishing.

Tickets are free but should be booked in advance from the Cathedral website: [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events)

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## **Cathedral Friends Coffee Mornings**

WHEN: First Saturday of the month (10.00am)

WHERE: South Transept

The Friends are delighted to invite you to their Monthly Coffee Mornings. Come and meet new friends and old for a coffee, biscuits and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral's South Transept at 10.00am - 11.15am. Next meeting: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March!

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## **Behind the Library Door**

WHEN: First Tuesday of each month

WHERE: Cathedral Library

The Cathedral Library will be open on the first Tuesday of each month this year. Last year we welcomed 370 visitors. You are most welcome to climb the 40 steps – we can assure you it will be worth the effort.

Our treasures range from manuscripts dating from the Reformation, a map with one of the first mentions of America, together with The Antiphoner, hand-made keys and Bishop's seals, all housed in our magnificent space up in line with the Triforium.

If you have a research topic that you feel we can assist you with, we are very happy to investigate it for you. We can be contacted on **[library@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:library@chichestercathedral.org.uk)**

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## Chorister Open Day

Find out more about the Choristers of Chichester Cathedral at our annual Open Afternoon, taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This event is suitable for girls and boys in Years 2 and 3, as well as their parent/guardians. We do not expect candidates to have any musical experience when they join the choir. We look for energy, enthusiasm and good reading skills. If candidates can pitch notes accurately (sing back notes played on the piano) that is another promising sign. To book, or ask further questions, contact Charlotte: T: 01243 812 488 | E: [charlotte.rattray@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.rattray@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

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## Cathedral Fellowship

WHEN: Multiple dates

WHERE: 4 Canon Lane

The Cathedral Fellowship is an opportunity for established members of the congregation and newcomers alike to get to know each other better by exploring a topic, usually with a guest speaker in the comfortable surroundings of 4 Canon Lane. Here we might make new friendships, enrich established ones and enhance our commitment to each other and the body of Christ at the Cathedral to which we belong and which plays such an important part in our lives.

If you've never joined us before, we meet at 2.15pm in 4 Canon Lane with a welcome, followed by a talk and discussion for about 45 minutes. The afternoon is rounded off with tea and biscuits. We ask for a donation of £2 to cover out costs. Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

21st March 2023

*A Bishop Remembers: Alan Chesters*

Bishop Alan was ordained priest in 1963 and has, amongst other posts held, been a school chaplain, Diocesan Director of Education,

Archdeacon of Halifax and Bishop of Blackburn. This afternoon he looks back over a full and varied career during a time of massive change in the Church and Society.

For more information or offers of help please contact [fellowship@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:fellowship@chichestercathedral.org.uk) or telephone 01243 372234.

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# Updates from the Cathedral Community

## Canon Bruce | Reg Ruddock R.I.P.

My father's funeral will take place in the Cathedral at 2.00pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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## Diann Berry | World Day of Prayer, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan. In Chichester a service will be held at Christ Church, Old Market Avenue at 2.00pm. Soup will be served from 12.30pm.

All are welcome.

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## Welcoming Tim Morris as our Head Verger

We are excited to share with you the news that Tim Morris has been appointed as Head Verger of the Cathedral.

Many will already know Tim, as he has formed an integral part of the team since joining in Christmas 2018. Tim said:

"During my time at Chichester, I've had the chance to gain lots of valuable experience through being part of numerous services and a number of different events. I have really enjoyed my time so far working alongside a fantastic team of colleagues and volunteers, and getting to know members of the congregation. I'm really excited to be taking up the role as Head Verger and look forward to the new opportunities that this role will bring. I'm also pleased to continue to carry working alongside a brilliant team of vergers who are a credit to the Cathedral."

Tim will be commissioned on **Sunday 12th March** at a service of Evensong, followed by a reception. Vergers Benedict, Ben and Dom will

be formally admitted on **5th March** within the Eucharist service. All are welcome to attend these services, and we invite you to join us in praying for Tim and his team as they continue to serve our Cathedral community.

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### **Cathedral Prayer Group**

It is our hope that a weekly prayer group might be set up at the Cathedral, to be led and managed by lay members of the congregation. Might this be your 'thing'? Is prayer one of your spiritual gifts? If you feel called to help lead or support such a group, please speak with Canon Jack:

**E: [precentor@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:precentor@chichestercathedral.org.uk)**

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### **Call for Support | Cathedral Servers**

We have vacancies on the Chichester Cathedral Serving team and would welcome young people as well as adults. If you would like to join the team and assist at the 11.00am Sunday Eucharist at the Cathedral, please get in touch.

The duties include processing in and out of the Cathedral as well as other duties during the service. If you would like to know more, come and have a chat after the service with the Head Server, John Workman. You can also email Carolyn Atkinson, Volunteer and HR Co-ordinator:

**T: 01243 812983**

**E: [carolyn.atkinson@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:carolyn.atkinson@chichestercathedral.org.uk)**

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## Warm Spaces

With the cost of living and climate crisis, many of us are facing tough decisions. Some have moved to working from home following the pandemic and are facing a winter with increased energy bills. Others are encountering even harder decisions, about whether to heat or eat.

As a result, the Cathedral has registered to become a *Warm Space*, an initiative designed to signpost anyone in need of warmth, to a warm space to share with others.

The Cathedral is free to enter, and open Monday – Saturday (9.00am – 5.00pm) and Sundays (12.00 – 2.00pm). All are also welcome to join us for our daily schedule of services. Day Chaplains are available throughout the week for those looking to talk to someone.

We are also hosting a variety of free pop-up events this Autumn/Winter for people to enjoy the Cathedral space, with others:

- **Coffee, following the Sung Eucharist**, following our 11.15am Sung Eucharist each Sunday.
- **The Chichester Cathedral Friends' Coffee Morning**, taking place on the first Saturday of each month (10.00 – 11.15am).
- **Lunchtime Concerts**, on Tuesdays at 1.10pm during term time, in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Nave.

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## Finally

If you have news to share with the community, please contact us on [info@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:info@chichestercathedral.org.uk) by the Wednesday, before the Sunday.