

# DIARY NOTES & NEWS CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

No one likes Monday mornings. Most of us dread the start of a new working week. We long to be able to put the clock back to Friday and begin the weekend all over again.

Even retired people have told me that they never completely shake off that sinking feeling that Monday mornings bring.

So, it's worth remembering that although Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday (which has, accordingly, become for us the Sabbath, the day of rest), it was in fact the first day of the week for the people of Jerusalem.

On the very day that people were going to work – wrapped up, no doubt, in thoughts and concerns much like our own - Christ broke the power of death and walked free from the tomb. He made the first day of the week his own.

As we once again celebrate Easter, we give thanks that Christ is with us, not just in our worship, but in all the challenges of our daily lives. By his victory over death he frees us from the power of those things that we dread. By his grace we can overcome every challenge we face.

Next time you suffer from Monday morning blues - next time you want to turn off the alarm clock and hide under the duvet - just remember those wonderful words with which the Easter story begins: 'Early in the morning, on the first day of the week...'

We wish you all a very happy Easter.

**The Reverend Canon Simond Holland**

## **A Prayer for Easter from the Cathedral Prayer Group**

The Cathedral prayer group support and pray for the needs of the Cathedral community, including its clergy, staff, volunteers and congregation. It also prays for the wider needs of the Diocese of Chichester, the world and prays in response to the prayer cards left at The Shrine of Saint Richard. During the sessions, members read the previous Sunday's Gospel with a period of silent meditation followed by opportunity to discuss it. They meet every Tuesday morning from 9.30am. For further details, speak to Canon Jack.

This prayer is for Easter and is by Mrs Lyttelton Gell in the nineteenth century:

Merciful God,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the resurrection and the life,  
we meekly beseech Thee to raise us from the death of sin unto  
the life of righteousness that we may be found acceptable in  
Thy sight:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*
- 8.30am **Mattins** *said*
- 5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by Pro Musica*

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
10.30am **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30pm **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
9.15am **Children, Families & Caregivers Service** *with Baptism*  
10.15am **Mattins** *said, with hymns*  
11.15am **Eucharist** *with congregational music (also live-streamed)*  
3.00pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

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## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** *according to the Book of Common Prayer*  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
10.30am **Holy Communion** *according to The Book of Common Prayer*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30am **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
8.30pm **Mattins** *said*  
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by The Abbott Singers*

## Sunday 21st April

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**  
9.15am **Children, Families & Caregivers Service**  
10.15am **Sung Mattins** *sung by The Abbott Singers*  
11.15am **Sung Eucharist** *sung by The Abbott Singers (also live-streamed)*  
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** *sung by The Abbott Singers*

# NEWS & INFORMATION

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## **Notice of revision of 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 beginning on Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 7th May 2024.

After the revision, a copy of both Rolls will be published (available for review from the Verger's Office, or the Visitors' Desk) for at least 14 days (from 7th May) and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made.

The Electoral Roll is for those persons who would, if the Cathedral had a parish, be eligible to be included on its church Electoral Roll. Those on the Parish Equivalent Roll (PER) will be eligible for election to Deanery Synod, and to vote within the elections. Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the Electoral Roll if the person is (a) is baptised, (b) is aged 16 or over, and (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

In response to the 2021 Cathedrals Measure, the Cathedral's Constitution now permits the formation and maintenance of a Roll for members of our community who are not eligible for inclusion in the Parish Equivalent Roll. On this Roll, you will not be eligible for election to Deanery Synod or to place a vote. You only need to declare interest in one Roll. The first declaration for this Roll is that you are (a) a person over the age of 16 who worships regularly in the Cathedral and/or (b) a person who is engaged in work or service connected with the Cathedral in a regular capacity.

**The Annual Community Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May (following Choral Evensong).**

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Verger's Office, or from the Visitors' Desk.

Please note that if you enrolled in 2023, you **do not** have to complete a new form. Any error in your information, once published, should at once be reported to the Cathedral's team.

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**Save the Date | Choral Evensong for Christian Aid**

We invite you to join us for a service of Choral Evensong to celebrate the ministry of Christian Aid on Tuesday 14th May, 5.30pm. At the service we will be joined by Patrick Watt, CEO for Christian Aid.

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**30 Years: Celebrating the ministry of women in the Diocese of Chichester**

30 years ago, the first women were ordained as priests. In the Diocese of Chichester, this took place on 15th May 1994.

Over three decades the Diocese has benefited from the ministry of numerous women, many of whom had served as deaconesses and deacons prior to 1994. To mark this milestone, the Cathedral will be hosting a photographic

exhibition containing over 30 self-portraits of the women who have served our Diocese and continue to do so today.

The portraits will be on display alongside short reflections provided by the sitters, upon their ministry, daily life and guidance to those seeking to be part of the life of a church.

As well as the exhibition, a special Eucharist will take place at the Cathedral on Monday 13th May 2024 at 11.30am with the Bishop of Horsham, the Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager. All are welcome to attend.

The exhibition will be on display and available to view in the Cathedral's North Chapels from 22nd April - 31st May. The portraits and stories will also be shared on social media via the Cathedral and Diocesan channels.

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## **Call for Visiting Choirs**

We have vacancies for visiting choirs to sing for our services on the following dates:

- Wednesday Evensongs on 24<sup>th</sup> April and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May;
- Half term week 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May, especially for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May;
- Morning services only on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

If you are interested, please contact Thomas Roberts:

**T:** 01243 812 488 | **E:** [thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

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## **Living in Love & Faith**

The Interim Dean and Cathedral Chapter would like to offer any interested members of the Cathedral Community the opportunity to attend the Church of England's *Living in Love and Faith* course. This video-based course helps participants to explore how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. The course, rooted in the Pastoral Principles, has also been designed to allow

members of the Church family to ask: ‘What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?’.

The course will run from George Bell House once a month from 2.15 pm to 4.15 pm on 9/6/24, 7/7/24, 4/8/24, 1/9/24, 6/10/24 and 24/11/24.

If you would be interested in learning more about the course, or participating in it, please contact Canon Jack before 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

**E:** jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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## **Baptisms**

If you would like to explore Baptism in 2024, please contact any of the clergy team. We offer the Sacrament of Baptism throughout the year and are always delighted to explore this with people.

## **First Communion**

Following the successful introduction of First Communion at the Cathedral in 2023, the Cathedral will be celebrating a First Communion service at the Family Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 9.15am. If you have a child who is seven or above and they would like to make their First Communion, please write to Canon Jack. All candidates for First Communion will need to attend a total of three preparation sessions. Each session runs from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The first two sessions are in Vicar’s Hall and the last is in George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. The sessions will run on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**For further details contact Canon Jack:**

**E:** jack.dunn@chichestercathedral.org.uk

## **Confirmations**

Any child aged 11 or above who would like to explore Confirmation is invited to be in contact with Canon Dan by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. Bishop Ruth will be confirming candidates in the Cathedral during the evening of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024. If you have not yet been baptised, the sacrament of baptism can also be offered before Confirmation.



Classes to help young people to explore and prepare for Confirmation will take place during the 11.15 am Eucharistic service in the Cathedral on the following Sundays: 5/5/24, 12/5/24, 19/5/24, 26/5/24, 9/6/24, 16/6/24 and 23/6/24. It is important that confirmation candidates can commit to attending these sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Canon Dan.

**For further details contact Canon Dan:**

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

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### **Extending Hospitality: Appeal for Help**

We would like to ensure that when members of the congregation meet together in George Bell House for small study groups (such as Lent Groups) we can offer some basic hospitality, which might include hot soup. To do this we need a small group of people who are willing to help. It does not mean that you are required to make the soup, but you will need to take a basic Food Hygiene course (the Cathedral would organise this as a group session). Please contact Canon Vanessa Baron if you might be interested.

**For further details contact Canon Vanessa:**

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **Lunchtime Concerts**

**WHEN:** Tuesday (Termtime; 1.10pm)

**WHERE:** Cathedral Nave

Chichester Cathedral's popular lunchtime concerts take place on Tuesdays at 1.10pm during term time, in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Nave. They are free and last approximately 50 minutes. There is a retiring collection.

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## **Newcomer Drinks**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June (6.45pm, or after Evening Prayer or Evensong)

**WHERE:** George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

We would love the opportunity of meeting our community's newest members, including any folks who have joined us over the last six months. Why not join us for the service of evening prayer or Choral Evensong, at 5.30pm, directly before drinks in George Bell House?

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## **The Sixteen: The Choral Pilgrimage 2024**

**WHEN:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April (7.30pm)

**WHERE:** Cathedral Nave

Celebrating the art of imitation, The Sixteen's 2024 Choral Pilgrimage explores music from the master of parody, Orlande de Lassus, alongside works by Josquin, Casulana and Bob Chilcott. The richly sensual choral music of Renaissance master Orlande de Lassus provides a stunning centrepiece to The Sixteen's 2024 pilgrimage programme. Music that speaks of love earthly and divine, his motets, masses and madrigals were written over 300 years ago. But they still have the immediacy and intricacy to resonate with us today, especially when heard in the lofty surrounds of stunning chapels, churches and cathedrals. Daringly designed and stitched in fine detail, they are in fact tailored from scraps of other music, whether Lassus' own, the music of his revered predecessor Josquin or the monochrome beauty of plainchant. We will revive this imitation game by commissioning a new piece clothed in

material borrowed from Lassus, and wrap it around two exquisite madrigals from Maddalena Casulana. An Italian lutenist and singer, she was the first female composer in the history of western music to have a whole book of her works printed. Something old, something new, something borrowed...

Tickets range from £5.00 - £35.00 and can be purchased through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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## **The Cathedral Fellowship | *I will spend my heaven doing good on earth: The life and spirituality of St Therese of Lisieux* with Canon Fr Stephen Hoy**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April (2.15pm)

**WHERE:** George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

At the Cathedral Fellowship members of the congregation and their friends gather informally, to greet old friends and to make new ones. If you are new to the Congregation, it's an excellent opportunity to meet new people and to begin to feel at home. We meet once a month for a talk or presentation on a wide range of topics, some of which are related to the Cathedral or Christian belief and practice and others are of more general interest. All our presenters are informal and approachable. There are no tickets and no membership, though we ask for a donation to cover expenses. Everybody is very welcome.

The programme for the next three months is now ready. I'm sorry that sickness has led to the cancellation and rearrangement of events. Can I also thank Stephen and Sheila Hoy who helped keep the show on the road and the Revd Sister Margaret Ann who stepped in at very short notice to speak at the Fellowship meeting in March.

St Therese of Lisieux is one of the most accessible, popular and beloved of all the saints. Her "Little Way" is one of the most admired of all spiritual paths, but also one of the most misunderstood and misrepresented. In this talk Stephen Hoy will explore the life story and influences of this extraordinary young woman, how she developed her own understanding of her relationship

with God, and how her radical spirituality, 127 years after her death, continues to be an inspiration and challenge.

Canon Fr Stephen Hoy is a retired priest and a canon of Lincoln Cathedral. Before retirement, he was Spirituality Advisor in the Lincoln Diocese. He was also parish priest on a housing estate for 20 years and is himself an experienced spiritual director. Prior to ordination, he worked for Leicestershire Libraries as special needs adviser, arts officer and director of the Leicestershire Literature Festival. Stephen is currently the Warden for the Tertiary Order of the Holy Paraclete.

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## **Women and the Church of England in the Twentieth Century | The Sovereign: Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)**

**WHEN:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April (6.30pm)

**WHERE:** Vicars' Hall

While the ordination of women to the priesthood did not occur until 1994 in the Church of England, the influence of women upon English religious and cultural life was none the less considerable. This series considers five Anglican women who shaped national life in different ways and whose religious and cultural influence is still felt.

Since her death in September 2022, there has been a movement of some to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II as 'Elizabeth the Confessor', in recognition of her own deep faith and evangelistic witness, not least as heard through her annual Christmas broadcasts. In this lecture, Canon Dan describes the development of Queen Elizabeth's own relationship to the Church of England during her reign but also her own significant role in shaping the place of religion in British public life and the Church of England's relationship to the changing religious landscape of the nation.

Spaces are free but prior booking is essential. Donations are welcome:  
[CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK](http://CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK)

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## **London Concertante - A Night at the Opera by Candlelight**

**WHEN:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April (7.30pm)

**WHERE:** Cathedral Nave

London Concertante presents a sensational evening at the opera with an array of the finest opera arias and overtures, performing works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini and Mozart. Enjoy some of the best from Madame Butterfly, Turandot, Tosca, The Barber of Seville, Carmen, Così fan tutte and so much more. Experience the thrill, drama, and romance of some of opera's most beloved and immersive stories, performed by acclaimed live orchestra, London Concertante, and some of the UK's greatest opera singers – all presented by spectacular candlelight as part of their sell-out Candlelight Concerts series.

Tickets prices start from £21.00 and can be purchased through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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## **Cathedral Friends: Book after Breakfast with Canon Dan**

**WHEN:** Thursday 25th April (10.00am)

**WHERE:** George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane

Chichester Cathedral Friends are pleased to present *Book after Breakfast* on Thursday 25th April 2024 at George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. Tea and coffee, and biscuits, will be served at 10am followed by an informal talk by The Reverend Dr Dan Inman on the book *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan (Faber & Faber 2022).

On this book, Canon Dan says: "This short novella draws us into the world of 1980s Ireland and the story of a coal merchant, Bill Furlong, discovering the unnerving secrets of a local community. An exploration of a community's complicity in covering up the truth and one man's decency, it is a beautifully written study of human nature." Shortlisted for the Booker Prize and winner of the Orwell Prize in 2022, and shortly to be made into a film, *Small Things Like These* is considered as one of the finest offerings from Irish fiction in recent years.

All are very welcome at Friends events. Tickets cost £5.00 and you can book by calling The Friends on Tuesday and Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or through the Cathedral website: **CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK**

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## **Friends | Monthly Coffee Mornings**

**WHEN:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May (10.00am)

**WHERE:** South Transept

Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for a coffee, biscuit and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral's South Transept at 10.00am - 11.15am. Everyone is welcome at all our events. You can also bring a friend, so please come and join us! No booking required - just pop in.

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## **Clothing Swap Shop**

**WHEN:** Saturday 4th May (9.00am – 12.00pm)

**WHERE:** Vicars' Hall

Vicars' Hall will be transformed into a second-hand clothing swap shop from 9.00am – 12.00pm on Saturday 4th May. Dive into your wardrobe and pick out a few items to bring along and discover some fabulous new things to take home! Everyone is welcome. A Fairtrade Cafe will be offering tea, coffee and cake. Bring along a travel mug and help us reduce, reuse and recycle.

This is a partnership event with Transition Chichester. Born out of a passion for recycling and reusing and the love of finding a bargain, this simple idea is one of Transition Chichester's big successes. No money changes hands. The fashion industry is responsible for 8-10% of our carbon emissions each year alongside its ethical challenges around workers' human rights on farms or in factories. By recycling clothing and 'breaking up' with fast fashion, we can reduce our impact on the planet and save money too!

How do I get involved with the Clothes Swap?

We recommend bringing approximately 3 items of good quality men's, women's or children's clothing or accessories to swap on the day but please ensure that any clothes you are bringing are clean and in good condition. Pre-

loved jackets, jumpers, trousers, dresses, tops, hats and scarves can be brought to swap for new favourites on an item for item basis.

We may say no to unsuitable items that we'll ask you to take away yourself (No visible holes or missing buttons please)

Please do not bring underwear, swimwear or hosiery.

### **Clothing Donors, Event Helpers & Bakers needed!**

- So that our rails are generously filled and ready to go we are accepting good quality clothes before the event. You can drop them off at the Estates Office, Cathedral Cloisters, for the attention of Victoria Sutton.
- We will need volunteer door welcomers, clothing organisers and tea/coffee makers for on the day 8.30am - 1.00pm. Please contact Victoria for details and to sign up:  
victoria.sutton@chichestercathedral.org.uk
- Bakers are needed to create Fairtrade cakes for our cafe using Fairtrade ingredients – coffee, chocolate or banana cake would work well. Please contact Victoria for further details:  
victoria.sutton@chichestercathedral.co.uk

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### **Residential Retreat: The Mysteries of the Kingdom: The Beatitudes and the Christian Life**

**WHEN:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**WHERE:** George Bell House

This event is now fully booked. To add your name to a waiting list, please contact [bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

Spaces cost £180 per person or £150 per person to share a twin room.

Please contact our bookings team:

**T:** 01243 813586 | **E:** [bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

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### **The Cathedral Fellowship | Richard's Great Rail Journeys**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (2.15pm)

**WHERE:** Vicars' Hall (Postponed from March) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Richard Ashby has loved trains and railways since his earliest years. In this presentation he takes us on a journey from the wooden trains of childhood to his European and cross-continental journeys and his railway holidays in Switzerland.

Richard was Head of Libraries and Archives in Bath and North East Somerset before retiring to Chichester where he has been a member of the Cathedral Congregation for 15 years. Amongst other activities he looks after the Cathedral Fellowship.

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## **Cathedral Friends: Watts Gallery and Chapel Coach Trip**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 21st May 2024 (9.00am - 4.30pm)

Join the Cathedral Friends on a day out to the Watts Gallery and the magnificent Chapel in the village of Compton, near Guildford. During the visit you will have the opportunity to see the Arts and Crafts Chapel designed by Mary Watts in dramatic stucco and terracotta, as well as the Gallery dedicated to the work of George Frederic Watts (1817-1904).

Enjoy coffee and biscuits on arrival and a sandwich lunch in the Old Kiln private dining room (meat, fish and vegetarian options available). After lunch you will have free time to explore the artists' historic home and studio Limnerslease. You will also be able to discover the story of George and Mary and the Compton Pottery, purchase artisan crafts in the shop or visit an exhibition of De Morgan pottery. You may also explore the gardens and extensive woodlands. There is much to see at the Watts Chapel and Gallery, and this day out is bound to inspire.

Tickets for the day cost £65 including coach travel, coffee, entrance fees, a guided tour and a sandwich lunch. The group size is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

You can book by calling John, the Friends Membership Secretary, on Tuesday or Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or visit [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends)

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## **Cathedral Friends: Festival Day and AGM**

**WHEN:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (From midday)

The Friends are pleased to announce our Festival Day & AGM with lunch on 13th June 2024. Friends are welcome to attend all or any part of the day.

**Booking is required for the lunch only.**

### **Schedule:**

- **Midday:** Eucharist in the Lady Chapel;
- **12.45 for 1.00pm:** A delicious two-course Lunch in the Assembly Rooms;
- **2.30pm:** AGM in the Cathedral Nave;
- **3.00pm:** We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Prof Jane Longmore, Vice Chancellor of the University of Chichester;
- **3.45pm:** Tea and cake in George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane.

Our guest speaker, Professor Jane Longmore, took up the post as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Chichester in May 2017 and has led the completion of the £35million Creative and Digital Technology Park at the Bognor Regis campus and opened the School of Nursing and Allied Health in Chichester. Both are key initiatives in accelerating the provision of higher skills in West Sussex. She is also a member of the Sussex Health and Care Assembly. Jane is a Professor of Urban History, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Historical Society in 2014. We look forward to welcoming Jane on our special Friends Day.

Join us for a delicious 2-course lunch in The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester, at 12:45 for 1pm. You will be welcomed with a drink on arrival, followed by a buffet of seasonal salads and a selection of hand-made quiches with meat, fish and vegetarian options, and a lovely choice of summer desserts. Please mention any dietary requirements when booking. There will also be a cash bar. Lunch tickets cost £30.

You can book by calling the Friends on Tuesday or Friday mornings on 01243 812980 or visit [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends)

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## **The Cathedral Fellowship | D-Day, Arnhem and the crossing of the Rhine with Michael Ashby and Jonathan Walker**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June (2.15pm)

**WHERE:** Vicars' Hall PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

June this year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and the Allied Invasion of western Europe. Robert Ashby, Librarian of the public library in Hitchin Hertfordshire who had been called up in 1940, volunteered to join the new Glider Pilot Regiment which had been created by the British Army after Churchill had seen the effective use of gliders by the Germans in the invasion of Crete in 1941. Robert took part in the Pegasus Bridge operation on D-Day and was at Arnhem and the final Crossing of the Rhine in April 1945.

He wrote his war memories around the time of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, when he contributed to the establishment of the D-Day museum and following his death in 2019 at the age of 103, they were edited and published.

Michael Ashby is Robert Ashby's second son. He was a criminal lawyer in Exeter and is now a guide at Exeter Cathedral (following in the footsteps of his mother, Jeane, who was a guide here in Chichester). It was at Exeter that he met Jonathan Walker, a military historian and author, who, recognising the importance of this first-hand account, has edited the text and brought it to publication.

# SUBMISSIONS

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The Diary Notes & News for the Cathedral community is printed fortnightly. If you have news to share with the community, please contact us:

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## **The Chichester Centering Prayer Group**

The Chichester Centering Prayer Group is running another Centering Prayer Taster session. It will take place in the Upper Room of St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester PO19 6FT on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If you feel drawn to stillness & meditation, are looking to explore or deepen your relationship with God, and/or have noticed an increasing attraction to silence and mystery, this could be for you. The Taster introduces a practice firmly rooted in ancient Christian tradition, inspired by the 14th Century English spiritual classic 'The Cloud of Unknowing', and the deep spirituality of the Christian contemplative tradition. And yet this is also a very contemporary form of meditation, helpful to those trying to find a way to the sacred amid our fractured, distracted age. And if you find the Taster appealing and want to develop a daily practice of Centering Prayer, we offer eight 'Further Steps' meetings over successive Thursdays to help support you as you establish your Centering Prayer practice. For more details and to book your place on the Taster, please email Peter Bone: [peter.bone@me.com](mailto:peter.bone@me.com).

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## **Save the Date: Invitation to all Wives & Widows of Retired Clergy**

All are warmly invited for lunch in the Sherborne Room at the Bishop's Palace on Thursday 25th April at 11:30am for catch up with lunch at noon. You might like to consider attending the Cathedral BCP Holy Communion Service at

10:30am. Spread the news – everyone is welcome! Please RSVP with dietary requirements to:

Revd Martha Weatherill (**T:** 0747 290 9011 | **E:** mthrmarta@gmail.com).

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## **The Cathedral Trust**

As many of you already know the Flower Stall in the Cloisters sells flower arrangements during the biennial Festival of Flowers. Most popular were the arrangements in cups and saucers, baskets and even jam jars. These sold out quite quickly and were instrumental in the stall's huge success raising funds for the Cathedral.

Please would you kindly help us by bringing any surplus cups, saucers and baskets to the Trust office in the Cloisters. This frees up cupboard space for you whilst helping us to make a success of the Flower Stall!

If we start collecting now, we should have enough for the duration of the '24 Festival. We really appreciate your support, so thank you and please do come and visit our stall – entry to the Cloisters is free!

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