

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL SUNDAY NOTES

Sunday 1 December 2024: Advent Sunday

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*Welcome to Chichester Cathedral. If you are new to the cathedral, please do introduce yourself to one of the cathedral clergy. Today is Advent Sunday: the first Sunday of the Church's year. Advent is a penitential season in which we anticipate our forthcoming celebrations of the birth of Jesus, and await his coming at the end of time.*

## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Sunday:

- **8.00am** – Holy Communion (BCP)
- **9.15am** – Children, Families & Caregivers Eucharist
- **10.15am** – Mattins
- **11.15am** – Sung Eucharist
- **4.30pm** – Advent Procession

### Monday – Saturday:

- **7.45am** – Morning Prayer
- **8.00am** – Holy Communion
- **5.30pm** – Choral Evensong (Wednesdays: said)

Thursdays at 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), followed by coffee in the cloisters

The **Advent Procession** is a special candlelit service moving from darkness to light as we await our celebrations of the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, with readings, congregational carols and music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**If you have a notice relevant to the ministry and mission of the Cathedral that you would like to submit for this notice sheet, please contact:** [chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk) by 5pm on Tuesday.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns in relation to the Cathedral, please contact** [safeguarding@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chichestercathedral.org.uk) **or speak to a member of our Safeguarding team [please see the website or our Safeguarding posters for more details].**

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

- **Advent Course:** we will be looking at *The Art of Christmas* by Jane Williams on 2, 9 and 16 December from 3.30-4.30pm in the Dresden Room. Copies of the book will be available at the first session. No preparation is needed. **All are welcome.**
- **Ruth Bamford** has resigned as Bursar and Communar of the Cathedral. We thank her for her great dedication to the cathedral over recent years. The Dean is delighted to announce that **Amy Sim** has accepted the position of interim Communar.
- **Sacraments:** A new leaflet is available in the Lady Chapel providing information about upcoming Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, including dates for preparation sessions. If you are interested please pick up a leaflet and/or speak to a member of clergy.

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## SUBMISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have been notified of the death of **Mervyn Kilpatrick**, a regular worshipper and popular character at the Cathedral for many years. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- The **Be Still** Contemplative Prayer Group meets each month on Zoom, on the first and third Tuesday at 7.15pm. All are welcome, for details see our website <https://bestillchichester.com/>. The next event, on **3 December**, starts a series looking at the works of Thomas Merton.
- **Perfect Christmas Gifts – Support the Cathedral!** This Christmas, the creative team that sells the beautiful floral arrangements during the Festival of Flowers will be crafting festive arrangements in teacups and saucers to raise funds for the Cathedral. These will be available for purchase at the Friends' Coffee Morning on **Saturday 7 December** from 10am, and after the 11:15am Eucharist on **Sunday 8 December**.
- **Library:** Our historic library will be open to visitors on **Tuesday 3 December** from 10.00 to 12.00, up the narrow spiral staircase from the Cathedral Treasury and Shop. A week later on **Tuesday 10 December** at 5.00pm there is a talk at Lambeth Palace Library entitled "The Restoration and Revival of Chichester Cathedral Library, 1670-1735" – if you find yourself in London and would like to attend please email [archives@churchofengland.org](mailto:archives@churchofengland.org) by 9 December. We are planning a date in the New Year for the talk to be repeated in Chichester.
- **FRIENDS:**
  - Advent concert with music students from the University of Chichester Conservatoire, **Monday 2 December 2024**, 7.00-9.00pm in Vicars' Hall. The vibrant group will perform a wide range of music & seasonal songs. Tickets cost £20 and include refreshments.
  - Epiphany Lunch Wrap up the Festive Season with Cathedral Friends at our Epiphany Lunch, to be held at The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester, on **Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 12.30pm**, with guest speaker Dr Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester. Enjoy a delicious two-course lunch of Beef Bourguignon with horseradish mash and green beans, followed by a warm fruit pie with creme fraiche. There will be a vegetarian option and a gluten free apricot and almond polenta cake. Tickets cost £32.50 including a welcome drink.
  - For both events you can book online, via the Cathedral's website, or you can call the Friends desk on 01243 812980 on Tuesday or Friday mornings.
  - Our monthly coffee morning will take place on **Saturday 7 December between 10.00 and 11.15** in the South Transept. No need to book, just pop in – bring a friend!
- Chichester Deanery Year of Faith Celebration: **Thursday 27 February, 7.30pm at St Paul's Chichester**. A service celebrating the history and Christian faith in our Deanery with Bishop Ruth and Bishop Martin.

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- Online: Visit [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for 'Chichester Cathedral' (or visit: [www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/chichester-cathedral-chichester](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/chichester-cathedral-chichester), or scan the QR code)
- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday (9.00am - 5.00pm)
- By post: Using the PGS application form. A copy is available to collect from the Visitors' Desk or the Vergers' Office.

