

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL SUNDAY NOTES

Sunday 22 December 2024: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Chichester Cathedral. If you are new to the cathedral, please do introduce yourself to one of the cathedral clergy.

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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
- **3.00pm** – Carol Service

Monday - Saturday:

- **7.45am** - Morning Prayer
- **8.00am** - Holy Communion
- Evening Prayer (said) will take place on Monday at 5.30pm and Thursday-Sunday at 3.00pm.
- On Saturday 28 December we welcome a visiting choir from Holland for sung Choral Evensong, at 3.00pm.

Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	<i>Children's Crib Service (11.00am & 2.00pm); Choral Evensong (6.00pm); Midnight Mass (11.00pm)</i>
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Cathedral closed from 1.00pm	<i>Holy Communion (BCP, 8.00am); Children, Families & Caregivers' Eucharist (9.15am); Choral Mattins (10.15am); Christmas Day Eucharist (11.15am)</i>

There is an additional celebration of Holy Communion (BCP) on Thursdays at 10.30am, followed by coffee in the cloisters.

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 by 5pm on Tuesday.

If you have any safeguarding concerns in relation to the Cathedral, please contact 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

- **Festive Family Trail:** Perfect for families and children of all ages, this self-guided trail around the Cathedral is designed to inspire joy, reflection and togetherness as you travel to the heart of the Christmas story. Running to 5 January, collect your free trail guide from the Visitors' Desk.
- **Prayer Group:** The Cathedral Prayer Group will NOT meet on Tuesdays 24 and 31 December.
- We are grateful to **Trajecti Voces Holland** who visit on 28 December to sing Choral Evensong at 3.00pm. They will also present a free informal recital in the Nave on that day at 1.00pm – all are welcome.
- **Epiphany Procession:** A special service celebrating the arrival of the Magi at Bethlehem, featuring a living tableau of the Nativity scene and music from the choir of St Paul's, Chichester. **Sunday 5 January, 6.00pm.**

SUBMISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The funeral of Mervyn Killpatrick will take place at St. Paul's Church on Friday 3 January at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.
- **FRIENDS:** Epiphany Lunch, with guest speaker The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester; Wednesday 22 January 2025, 12.30pm. For full details please see the Cathedral's website or call the Friends desk on 01243 812980 on Tuesday or Friday mornings.
- **CATHEDRAL FELLOWSHIP:** The Cathedral Fellowship meets at 2.15pm in Vicars' Hall. No booking or tickets are required but we do ask for a donation. Dates for your diary:
 - Tuesday 21 January: **'Comfortable words for troubled times'**. A look at the History and continuing relevance of the Book of Common Prayer. With Bradley Smith, Manager of St Olave's Bookshop and Chairman of the Prayer Book Society
 - Tuesday 18 February: **The Golden age of Children's book illustration.** A nostalgic look at illustrators from the late 19th and early 20th century including Arthur Rackham and Heath Robinson and featuring beloved children's stories. With John Robert Smith, Manager of the Oxfam Bookshop in Chichester.
 - Tuesday 18 March: **'I always said I'd never work in a church'**. Head Verger, Tim Morris, takes us behind the scenes in the Cathedral.
- 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.

If you are able to make a donation to the cathedral... The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the Cathedral on a regular monthly basis. It works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the first of the month, which is credited to our bank account shortly after. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it directly back to the Cathedral. Quarterly or annual options are also available, if you prefer.

- Online: Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral' (or visit: 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.