

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL SUNDAY NOTES

Sunday 2 February 2025: Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Today's service starts with the blessing and lighting of candles as we hail Christ as 'the light to lighten the nations'.

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

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
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** – Choral Evensong

Monday - Saturday:

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

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

- The Dean is delighted to announce that **Amy Sim** has accepted the post of Communar and Chief Operating Officer of Chichester Cathedral. She has been filling this role on an interim basis since December but her appointment has now been made permanent.
 - **Lunchtime Concerts:** this week, Tuesday 4 February at 1.10pm, we welcome Kasparas Mikužis (piano). Coffee is available – please bring your own mug.
 - **Religion, Rebellion & Reformation:** Marking our 950th anniversary, this exhibition shares the story of the Christian faith in Sussex, revealed through people, events and treasures, from 1075 to the present day. Running in the cathedral from 14 February to 15 November 2025 the exhibition features fascinating artefacts from across our Diocese; each object reveals remarkable moments and people from nine centuries of history. Please see the website for further details.
 - **Draw950:** Children, families and caregivers are invited to take part in crafting a monumental artwork that brings the cathedral's incredible history to life. The full length of the Nave floor will be covered in paper for you to illustrate key moments from our 950-year history. Saturday 15 February, 10.00-3.00; it's free to join in but we ask you to book a place via the website, and we welcome donations.
 - **Talk: *The Restoration and Revival of Chichester Cathedral Library, 1670-1745*** Join Dr Andrew Foster for a fascinating look at the restoration of Bishop Henry King's Library to Chichester Cathedral, during a period of renaissance for cathedral, city and the surrounding region. Wednesday 26 February, 6.30pm in Vicars' Hall; tickets are £10 per person and can be booked through the website.
 - **George Bell House Bible Fellowship:** Thursday 27 February at 2.30pm *Exploring the Psalms: Psalms of Lament*. We meet in George Bell House. All are welcome.
 - **Baptism and Confirmation:** if you are an adult and would like to be baptised or confirmed at Easter (or to discuss the possibility of this if you are unsure), please speak to one of the clergy about preparation.
 - **Tea at the Deanery:** members of the congregation are warmly invited to tea at the Deanery during 2025. Forthcoming dates are 6 and 13 February from 4-5.15pm, followed by Evensong. Please contact the Dean's PA if you would like to come: gabby.justesen@chichestercathedral.org.uk
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SUBMISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Cathedral Fellowship:** Tuesday 18 February, 2.15pm in Vicars' Hall. "The Golden Age of Children's Book Illustration". John Robert Smith is the manager of the Oxfam Bookshop in Chichester. Featuring beloved children's stories such as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales and illustrators such as Heath Robinson and Arthur Rackham, John brings original illustrated editions from his own collection as he talks the audience through the lives of book illustrators, the value of their books, and why he loves the differing interpretations of iconic children's stories.
 - **Change of date:** Chichester Deanery Year of Faith Celebration: **Sunday 23 February, 5.00pm at St Paul's Chichester**. A service celebrating the history and Christian faith in our Deanery with Bishop Ruth.
 - **World Day of Prayer Service 2025:** All are welcome on Friday 7 March at 2.00pm, at Christ Church, Old Market Avenue, Chichester PO19 1SW. This year's service has been prepared by Christian Women in the Cook Islands. As we take part in this service, we become part of a wonderful wave of prayer which encircles the globe. Please come along and join us for fellowship and refreshments before the service - soup and a roll will be available from 12.30pm. Further details from Sheila Hoy (s.m.hoy@hotmail.co.uk).
 - **Chichester Cathedral Friends:**
 - **Book After Breakfast** on 13th March at George Bell House. Tea or coffee and biscuits at 10.00am, £5.00 per head. The book: 'Orbital', an inspirational novel by Samantha Harvey. To be introduced by congregation member, James Allport. About the book; '*A team of astronauts in the international Space Station conduct scientific experiments and test the limits of the human body. But mostly they observe. Yet, although separated from the world, they cannot escape its constant pull. The fragility of human life fills their conversation, their fears and dreams. They begin to ask what is life without earth? What is earth without humanity?*'
 - The Friends currently have four volunteer vacancies we are actively seeking to fill: Friends Secretary, Communications Volunteer, Event Organiser, Joint Membership Secretary. For more information about any of these roles please contact John Gardner (johngardner@chichestercathedral.org.uk)
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- Online: Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral', 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.