

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*This sheet contains the hymns, readings and prayers of the day for this service; you can follow all other parts of the service in the green 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.*

### 11.00am Sung Eucharist

**Celebrant:** The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

**Preacher:** The Revd Canon Adrian Daffern,  
Senior Cathedral & Major Church Officer  
for the Church of England

### TODAY'S MUSIC

**Mass Setting:** Collegium Regale  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
**Motet:** Tantum ergo  
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)  
**Closing Music:** Epilogue  
Herbert Howells

*From 10.55am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,  
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;  
sing to him who found the ransom,  
Ancient of eternal days,  
God eternal, Word incarnate,  
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,  
formed the sea, or built the sky,  
love eternal, free, and boundless,  
forced the Lord of life to die,  
lifted up the Prince of princes  
on the throne of Calvary.

Now on those eternal mountains  
stands the sapphire throne, all bright,  
with the ceaseless alleluias  
which they raise, the sons of light;  
Sion's people tell his praises,  
victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,  
sweep the string and pour the lay;  
let the earth proclaim his wonders,  
King of that celestial day;  
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,  
who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Job Hupton (1762-1849)  
and J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: NEANDER, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

### COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### PSALM 103: 8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

### SECOND READING Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for

God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

### **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to

every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*After the Prayers of Intercession, the Organist & Master of the Choristers will present the new Head and Senior Choristers, the probationers to be admitted to the Choir, a new Lay Vicar, and this year's Organ Scholar, to the Dean.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

God is love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is love, eternal love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Music: BLAENWERN, W. P. Rowlands (1860-1937)

### **COMMUNION HYMN** – *please remain seated*

Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls hath found,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,  
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
grace, pardon, life, to us extend. Amen.

Words: Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

Music: RIEVAULX, J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!

The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!

Words: *George Herbert (1593-1632)*

Music: LUCKINGTON, *Basil Harwood (1859-1949)*

## SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Monday-Saturday

- 7.30am **Quiet prayer** (St Clement Chapel)  
7.45am **Morning Prayer** (St Clement Chapel)  
8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)  
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Thursday—said Evening Prayer)

### Thursday

10.30am **Holy Communion** (this week in **Bishop's Palace Chapel**) according to the Book of Common Prayer.

### Sunday 20 September—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers  
10.00am **Choral Mattins**  
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**  
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** in Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Piper Tapestry

Saturday 19 September, 12.00 – the Wedding of Sarah O'Hara and Christopher Hall

## NOTICES

**Adrian Daffern** We are delighted to welcome The Revd Canon Adrian Daffern to preach this morning. Adrian holds degrees from the Universities of Durham, Oxford, and Cambridge, and is Canon Emeritus of Coventry Cathedral. He spent 30 years ministering in parishes and cathedrals before taking up his current post as Cathedral

and Major Churches Officer in 2022. He is Senior Associate Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, a Life Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists. A keen organist and pianist, he is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

**George Bell House Bible Fellowship** will not meet in September. Details of future sessions will be announced shortly.

**University Graduations** Please note the Cathedral will be closed to visitors from Monday 14–Friday 18 September inclusive when we host the Graduation ceremonies of the University of Chichester. Services will take place as normal; the 10.30am BCP Communion service on Thursday 17 will be held in the Bishop's Palace Chapel.

**The Most Revd Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster** will attend Evensong and give a homily on Wednesday 16 after receiving an Honorary Degree from the University of Chichester – all are welcome at 5.30pm.

**Bishop of Chichester** As part of the national consultation process to appoint the next Bishop of Chichester, Stephen Knott (the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments) and Jonathan Hellewell (the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary) are seeking views from across the Diocese of Chichester to help shape the profile of the next Bishop. A public online consultation meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday 17 September, 6.00-7.30pm.

This consultation provides an opportunity for members of the wider community to share their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges facing the Diocese, and the qualities, gifts and experience needed in the next Bishop of Chichester.

The Appointment Secretaries are keen to hear a broad range of views from people across East and West Sussex. Participants will be invited to reflect on questions such as:

- What fills you with hope and encouragement about the ministry and mission of the Church in Sussex?
- What challenges and opportunities will the next Bishop encounter?
- What gifts, qualities and experience are needed in the next Bishop of Chichester?
- How can the Diocese continue to serve and support the communities of Sussex in the years ahead?

To register for the consultation and receive the Zoom link, please book a ticket via

[www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/121202](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/121202)

**Confirmation** We will soon be starting to prepare candidates for Confirmation in November. This will be run by Canon Vanessa Baron. We are intending to present candidates in the younger age group at this time and a course for adults who would like to be confirmed will take place in the new year – looking towards

Confirmation at Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy.

**John Piper at Chichester Cathedral** *A talk by The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron* Monday 14 September, 3.00-4.30pm, at West Sussex Record Office (Orchard Street) and online – **NOW SOLD OUT IN PERSON BUT ONLINE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE.** Tickets can be obtained through [www.wsro.org.uk](http://www.wsro.org.uk), at £5 to attend online.

**Cathedral Fellowship** *The Women in the Life of W. B. Yeats.* Monday 21 September, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. John Smith, manager of Chichester Oxfam Book Shop. No tickets or membership required for Fellowship events, although donations are encouraged to cover expenses. *Canon Vanessa's talk on the Deans of Chichester has moved to 19 October.*

**Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts** Our series resumes on Tuesday 22 September, at 1.10pm, with pianist Ben Socrates. Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

**Chancellor's Autumn Lectures 2026** Building on Chichester Cathedral's long tradition of engaging with sacred art, these lectures will reflect on how artists across the centuries have sought to express the divine through colour, form, and imagination. Starting on Tuesday 22 September (6.30pm, Vicars' Hall), *The Theology of the Icon – Symbols and Images in Christian Art.* This illustrated lecture from Canon Chancellor Revd Dr Earl Collins will explore the origins of Christian art, the emergence of the icon in Byzantium, and the theology behind it, as well as the violent opposition images sometimes aroused. It will consider how art can both express theology and foster contemplation and prayer. Tickets at £10 each (including a glass of wine or soft drink) are available through the website. Subsequent dates are 6 October, 20 October, 3 November.

**Electoral & Community Rolls** The revised Roll has now been published and can be inspected on request at the West Doors.

**Annual Meeting** All those interested in Cathedral life are welcome to join our Annual Meeting. On Wednesday 23 September, the event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong (commencing at 5.30pm and sung by the Choir of St Paul's Church, Chichester) before the formal start of the Annual Meeting around 6.30pm. The Meeting will be followed by light hospitality in the Cathedral kindly provided by Cloisters Kitchen & Garden. If you are planning to attend, please register via the website (What's On section and navigate to 23 September).

**Clothes Swap** Saturday 3 October, 10-11.30am, Vicars Hall - see website for details. 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.

### **Supporting Team Cathedral at the Chichester Half**

**Marathon** This year Chichester Cathedral is proud to be an official charity partner of the Chichester Half Marathon on Sunday 4 October, and seven runners are taking part (including members of our own staff team). If you would like to support the team there are a number of ways you can do so:

- See [www.justgiving.com/campaign/team-cathedral](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/team-cathedral) to donate. Your donation will help raise vital funds for this place of worship, welcome and community.
- We still have a small number of spaces for runners. If you or someone you know is aged 17 or over and interested in joining the team, please contact [oliver.tubb@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:oliver.tubb@chichestercathedral.org.uk) with the subject line "Chichester Half Marathon".
- We're keen to recruit volunteers to help steward the event route in the city centre, particularly around the Cathedral and Market Cross. To register your interest in volunteering, please email Oliver Tubb as above.

### **An Evening with Rachel Portman: From film scores to choral music**

Saturday 21 November, 7.00pm. Join Oscar-winning composer Rachel Portman at Chichester Cathedral for an evening of conversation and performance exploring the stories behind some of her most loved music. The evening begins with Rachel sharing stories from her career in film, accompanied by clips from some of the films she has scored. In the second half the Cathedral Choir will perform a selection of Rachel's choral works. This evening supports the Chichester Cathedral Platinum Endowment Trust for Music, helping secure the future of music at the Cathedral. Tickets are now available via the website or on 0333 666 4466 (option 1).

#### **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.

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