
Southern *festivals* Cathedrals

14-16 July 2023



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

www.southerncathedralsfestival.org.uk



Welcome to

Southern *Cathedrals* **festival**

We are delighted to invite you to the Southern Cathedrals Festival. A varied programme of events, performances and services will be offered in Chichester Cathedral and in other iconic venues around the city centre.

The Festival celebrates the music of two towering figures of English music, William Byrd and Thomas Weelkes, both of whose 400th anniversaries fall this year. The achievements of Byrd, one of the great Renaissance polyphonists, rank alongside those of Palestrina, Victoria and Lassus in the history of European culture. Thomas Weelkes is of special interest here at Chichester Cathedral, where he was Organist and Master of the Choristers for much of his career. His reputation as a 'notorious drunkard and blasphemer' is at odds with the beauty of his musical output, which includes some of the finest Elizabethan madrigals, instrumental works, and (of course) anthems and service settings. The final concert, for which we will be joined by the renowned Rose Consort of Viols, will feature music by these two composers, with later works by Parry and Stanford.

The Festival Eucharist will be adorned by Frank Martin's masterpiece, the Mass for Double Choir, a work that the composer withheld for forty years after its composition. Young soprano Natasha Page gives a recital in the beautiful surroundings of Pallant House Gallery, and Colin Walsh, a leading exponent of French organ repertoire, gives a concert on the Cathedral's distinctive Mander/Hill instrument.

The Festival is a joyful expression of the friendship between our three cathedrals. We look forward to welcoming our extended family of audience members, worshippers, patrons, sponsors and musicians, and to sharing the Festival with you.

Charles Harrison Chichester Cathedral
David Halls Salisbury Cathedral
Andrew Lumsden Winchester Cathedral

What's On

All events held in Chichester Cathedral
unless otherwise stated

Friday 14 July

10.00am Choral Mattins

Chichester Cathedral Choir.
Featuring music by Thomas Weelkes.
Free livestream available.

11.00am Dr Geoffrey Webber - For the King's Day: Thomas Weelkes and the history of royal anthems

(Chichester Masonic Hall, South Pallant)
A lecture hosted by the Church Music Society.
Free admission - free livestream available.

2.00pm Recital: Natasha Page (soprano) and Ella O'Neill (piano)

(Pallant House Gallery, North Pallant)
Featuring music by Richard Strauss, Claude Debussy, Frank Bridge, John Ireland, Roger Quilter, William Walton, Margaret Schweikert and Ingeborg Bronsart.
Tickets: £20 / £10 (under-25 – limited number available)
Tickets include admission to Pallant House Gallery.

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Chichester Cathedral Choir, and the combined girl choristers and lay clerks of Salisbury and Winchester.
Featuring music by Thomas Weelkes, George Dyson and Christopher Hussey.
Recorded by BBC Radio 3 for future broadcast - please be seated by 3.45pm.

5.30pm Patrons' and Sponsors' Reception

(Festival Marquee, The Bishop's Palace Garden)
Attendance by invitation only.
Information about becoming a Patron can be found at the back of this brochure.

7.30pm Organ Recital: Colin Walsh

Music by Louis Vierne, Joseph Jongen, J.S. Bach, Charles Tournemire and Marcel Dupré.
South Transept (with videolink view of organist):
£17.50 / £10 (under-25)
Quire and Nave: £12 / £10 (under-25)
Online livestream: £10



Saturday 15 July

11:00am **Festival Eucharist**

Chichester Cathedral Choir, and the combined boy choristers and lay clerks of Salisbury and Winchester.

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge.

Featuring the *Mass for Double Choir* by Frank Martin.

Free livestream available.

12:30pm **Festival Lunch**

(Festival Marquee, The Bishop's Palace Garden)

Beef Bourguignon served with creamy mash and seasonal vegetables

or Mushroom Bourguignon (V)

A choice of two desserts (vegan option available)

Tickets £40 including wine (limited tickets available)

Attendance at this event must be pre-booked no later than 23 June 2023.

6:30pm **Concert: Alleluia! I Heard a Voice**

Combined senior choristers and lay clerks of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester, with The Rose Consort of Viols.

Featuring music by Thomas Weelkes, William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Orlando Gibbons, C.V. Stanford, and Hubert Parry.

(A) Front nave: £30

(B) Back nave: £25 / £10 (under-25)

(C) Side aisles (heavily restricted/no view):
£17.50 / £10 (under-25)

Online livestream: £15

Sunday 16 July

10:15am **Choral Mattins**

11:15am **Sung Eucharist**

3:00pm **Choral Evensong with Dismissal of Choristers**

Livestreaming

Many of this year's Festival events will also be available to watch via online livestream at www.southerncathedralsfestival.org.uk

Unticketed Festival events and services will be available to watch online for free.

Access to the recorded livestreams of ticketed events is also included in the ticket price for those attending the event.

Access to all recordings will be available until 31 August 2023.



Booking

Tickets for concerts and recitals may be obtained by the following means:

In Person

The Novium Museum, 1 Tower Street, Chichester PO19 1QH

**Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday: 10.00am – 4.30pm;
Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm**

Online

<https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com>

please note there is a 50p booking fee per transaction

By Telephone

01243 816525

Bookings for concerts and recitals are available until 4.00pm on the day before the performance, after which tickets can be bought on the door from 45 minutes before the performance.

Existing and new Patrons have priority booking until **Sunday 11 June 2023.**

Public booking opens **Monday 12 June 2023.**





General Information

Cloisters Kitchen and Garden

Independent specialist caterer Seasoned has created a new café destination within the 600-year old Cloisters at Chichester Cathedral, serving locally roasted coffee and tea, freshly baked pastries, seasonal salads and artisan sandwiches with fabulous produce by some of Sussex's best independent makers.

With seating inside and outside, freshly made light refreshments are served daily from our on-site kitchen. Cloisters Kitchen & Garden is the perfect place to meet friends for an informal lunch or afternoon tea.

Opening hours: 9.00am – 6.00pm

Festival Programme

The Festival Programme will contain full details of all activities during the Festival, as well as background information on the themes of this year's Festival and its performers.

The Programme will be available during the Festival and can be ordered in advance when you book your tickets.

Service Booklets

Separate service booklets will be available for all sung Cathedral services.

Car Parking

There are a number of public car parks within easy walking distance of the Cathedral. Details of these can be found in a leaflet available at www.chichester.gov.uk/carparks, or from the Chichester Tourist Information Centre at The Novium Museum, Tower Street, PO19 1QH. Please note that no public car parking is available in the Cathedral Close.



Become a Festival Patron

All supporters of the Festival are warmly invited to become Patrons.

The benefits of becoming a Patron include:

- Priority booking for all ticketed events.
- An invitation to a special Patrons' event at each Festival
- If you are unable to attend the Festival, a free copy of the Festival Programme containing detailed notes about the music and performers will be sent on request after the Festival

The minimum annual subscription is £25 – where possible, we ask that you consider making your donation more valuable to us through the Gift Aid scheme.

To become a Patron, please download and complete the registration form at:

www.southerncathedralfestival.org.uk/bookingandpatrons
and return alongside your payment to:

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