



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

WELCOME

Discover and live out the beauty of holiness



Beauty beyond...

Photo: Joe Low

The Dean writes...



Welcome to Winchester Cathedral. You will find that it is not only a majestic building which, with its predecessors, has been bound up with our national identity for 1400 years, but it is also the home of a Christian community. Community has been at the heart of our identity since a Benedictine Monastery was established here in the 10th Century. We continue to value these Benedictine roots, as our firm friendship with the Benedictine Abbey of Fleury in France reminds us.

We seek to put the worship of God at the centre of a generous community of hospitable welcome, thoughtful naming of one another and loving outreach. If you should want to make the Cathedral your spiritual home we should be delighted. I hope the information contained in this booklet will soon give you access to the Cathedral's life and help you to feel you belong.



The Very Reverend James Atwell



WHO'S WHO...



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The monthly Newsletter is available in the Cathedral. Pew News is distributed at weekend services.



THE BENEDICTINE WELCOME

Winchester Cathedral was re-founded as a Benedictine monastery by Bishop Aethelwold in the year 964. We try to maintain the spirit of the Benedictine welcome, which should be whole-hearted and sincere – welcoming newcomers as if they were Christ himself.

We want you to feel welcome and at home.

The Cathedral is a beautiful and amazing building. It also offers some of the finest music in Europe with organists, lay clerks and girl and boy choristers. The building and music combine to move and astound people of faith and those of no faith.

This is a space where the living God can be encountered, worshipped and loved. No-one leaves Winchester without being moved and transformed by what they have experienced.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME!



WORSHIP

Our regular pattern of services is:

Weekdays

07.40	Mattins
08.00	Holy Communion
12.00	Holy Communion
	<i>Thursdays and Saints' Days only</i>
17.30	Evensong
	<i>normally Choral</i>

Sunday

08.00	Holy Communion
09.45*	Choral Mattins
11.00*	Sung Eucharist
	<i>normally followed by coffee</i>
15.30	Choral Evensong
18.00	Taizé, <i>monthly, as advertised</i>

* On certain Sundays there is a 10.00 Sung Eucharist service followed by coffee.

The Cathedral choirs lead the worship at most of the main services. Visiting choirs sing at other times. Some services are 'said'.

The **Cathedral Stillness** group meets for silent prayer meets on Tuesdays at 12.15, Wednesdays at 08.35, and Thursdays at 07.00, with venues shown in Pew News. All are welcome.





THE CATHEDRAL AND THE PARISHES

The Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop and the Mother Church of the Diocese of Winchester. The Diocese covers most of Hampshire, Southampton, Bournemouth and small parts of Dorset as well as the Channel Islands. We value our links with the parishes of the Diocese, and welcome parish groups to the Cathedral.





BELONGING, BELIEVING AND GROWING IN FAITH

As a regular worshipper at the Cathedral, we hope you might decide to join the Community Roll. You will then be invited to occasional Community Meetings, elect representatives to the Cathedral Council and receive emails about new developments. Two forms are included with this booklet.

As well as being a worshipping community, the Cathedral provides regular educational and spiritual events throughout the year.

An adult education programme includes Bible study, lectures, group study, quiet days and adult Confirmation classes. The Cathedral Fellowship meets periodically, providing an opportunity to enjoy a sandwich lunch and a talk of general interest.

There are opportunities to contribute to worship:

- by reading or leading prayers

- by serving or administering a chalice

- as a sidesman or voluntary virger

- in a voluntary choir.

If you would like to know about any of these opportunities, please talk with one of the clergy.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Education has always been an integral part of the life of the Cathedral. We have a Director of Children's Education and an Education Centre, which welcomes 25,000 children and students to the Cathedral every year, mostly in school, college and university groups. As well as exploring the Cathedral, they learn about the Christian faith and the place of Winchester in the history of England.

There is a special link with the University of Winchester.

Young people's Confirmation classes take place annually.

The Pilgrims' School in the Close, is the Cathedral's prep school which educates 250 boys, including the boy choristers.

Although the Cathedral's Sunday worship is mainly formal and choral, we do welcome families. The sidesmen will always find a suitable area for parents to take young children for whom the service is too much.





VOLUNTEERING

There are numerous ways you can serve the Cathedral in a practical way, and we warmly invite new volunteers, with training provided as necessary. You are invited to find out more by completing the form on the enclosed leaflet, contacting the Cathedral Office on 01962 857200 or by emailing volunteering@winchester-cathedral.org.uk.





PASTORAL SUPPORT

Although all the Cathedral clergy share in pastoral care, the Revd Gregory Clifton-Smith has special responsibility in this area. He will provide a listening ear, arrange for ministry to the sick and when necessary provide Holy Communion at home with the help of a lay pastoral team. His phone number is 01962 857231/857251.

The laying-on of hands is offered monthly at the main Sunday Eucharist, and the clergy will hear confessions (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) when asked or as announced.

A team of volunteer clergy and lay Visitors Chaplains provide a pastoral presence in the Cathedral for visitors, lead brief public prayers on the hour and offer counselling to those who would like it.

There is no charge to come into the Cathedral to pray or to worship. You will need to mention this at the Entrance Desk when you come in. The Epiphany Chapel in the North Aisle is set aside for quiet prayer.



CATHEDRAL FINANCES

The Cathedral has a regular congregation of several hundred, many more who worship here occasionally and thousands who each year attend a single service as a visitor. The cost of maintaining the Cathedral building and music, and its mission and ministry is colossal, and the annual budget is in excess of £4.5 million.

There are a number of ways of giving financial support to the Cathedral. Regular members of the Cathedral Community are encouraged to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral by making a regular commitment of giving through the Community Giving scheme. This can be done by bank standing order or by having a set of dated white envelopes for use each Sunday. We hope that those who pay income tax will 'Gift Aid' their contributions. Forms to set up these arrangements are contained in the separate pack available with this booklet.

Other means of giving financial support are through the Winchester Cathedral Trust for the major capital appeal to improve the Cathedral building, through the Music Fund and through the fund-raising of the 'Friends of Winchester Cathedral'. The Cathedral receives no direct state aid, and no central church funding apart the payment of clergy stipends.



THE VISITORS' CENTRE

The Cathedral Refectory, Shop and Box Office are within the Visitors' Centre, directly opposite the main entrance to the Cathedral.

The Gift Shop

You'll find the Gift Shop in a pretty single-floor restored coach house. It offers a wide range of specialist books and CDs, plus interesting and unique gifts and souvenirs inspired by the life, history and treasures of this great Cathedral.

The Refectory

The Refectory is one of Winchester's hidden gems. Its award-winning contemporary design, large terrace with Cathedral views and pretty walled garden make it a great place to meet friends for a coffee, lunch or afternoon tea.

Venue Hire

The Cathedral's historic buildings and beautiful gardens offer a perfect setting for any event you wish to host, including wedding receptions, social gatherings, business meetings and conferences. Whatever your food and drink requirements, our in-house catering team will be happy to help.

Contact details can be found on the 'Useful Contacts' page.





FRIENDS OF WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The Friends enjoy regular talks and social occasions, and raise money to support Cathedral projects. Please see the enclosed leaflet for more information and please consider joining.



Her Majesty the Queen is Royal Patron of the Friends of Winchester Cathedral. Pictured here during her visit to the New Forest Show in 2012 with The Dean and his wife Lorna, Mo Hearn Chairman of the Friends and Bruce Parker Trustee of the Friends.