



6 July 2022

Dear Friends,

In Chichester Cathedral, near the High Altar, there is the last commissioned work of Marc Chagall: a stained-glass window, inspired by the verse from Psalm 150 "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord". Within the design, there are images of King David (the alleged composer of the psalm), dancers and angels, trumpets and tambourines. On Sunday evening, at the last service with Martin Holford as Director of Music, we will all be invited to join in the singing of this psalm – everyone can praise the Lord! The window too invites us to feel the rhythm and passion of the psalm. Chagall often used two main colours in his windows – blood red and deep blue. These are the classic colours in many icons, signifying God: the immanence of God (red) and God's transcendence (blue). Earth and heaven; life and eternity. Chagall associated colours, less with what you actually see, and more with the movement, emotion and dynamism of the scene portrayed. In Chichester, the dominant colour is red – the sound of the window would be fortissimo.

The United Nations in New York also commissioned a work by Chagall, in honour of Dag Hammarskjold, the UN General Secretary who died in an airplane crash in 1961. My memory says that this window is nearly all in different shades of blue. The title of the window is 'Peace'. The feeling in the window acknowledges tragedy, yet by being so still, indicates that the worst moments in life are still held within the safe embrace of God. Mollie Meager placed a new stained-glass window in St Mary's over 10 years ago. The moment I first saw it, I exclaimed "that is Chagall blue"! Our window too conveys confidence that death, sacrifice and loss are woven into God's eternal tapestry. Mollie has been commissioned to create a further window for St Mary's, which should be installed later this year. It too brings colour and music together.

As we mark the close of 29 years of faithful service by Martin Holford as Director of Music, we can celebrate both the red and blue of Martin's life. Red: Martin is a man of great passion, humour, excitement and drive. I know that I am not alone in feeling uplifted and energised, even late on Sunday evening, after a choral service led by Martin. There is always a strong sense that more is happening, more is possible, than meets our eyes and ears. Yet within that, there is Blue in Martin's ministry – we are not here to worship the choir; rather (and Martin would be the first to say this) choral music points us to transcendence, to a glory that lies beyond. Martin's life is founded on faith – both his faith in God, and God's faith in us. This is made evident in Martin's faith in choristers – and that he is a leader who evokes trust and confidence in followers. Martin's work here has been enhanced by the energy of many volunteers, including Andrew, Josephine, Barbara, Ruth and many more.

There is, of course, a real sadness in this farewell. Also, we need to remember the power of an echo. Long after the event that originally caused a noise, the sound of an echo continues. On walks in the countryside, memories of fabulous music arise unbidden in my mind. I have been fortunate to see some letters written recently, in appreciation of Martin. It is very moving to see how naughty unpredictable choristers have developed into mature young adults – and how much they put down to the influence of the choir.

As we move on, we will all offer full support to Nick Graham and Robert Patterson (as well as Helen Lee and Chris Nott, at St Mary's). It is so clear how our lives have been enriched by music and musicians. Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

Robert

Rector's Notes

Evensong at Holy Trinity this Sunday - 10th July

PLEASE NOTE that Evensong this Sunday is at **5pm** with drinks and speeches after the service. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Office Opening during the Summer Holidays (15th July - 1 September)

Corinne and Chloe will be in the office over the summer but the opening hours will vary. The [What's On](#) calendar will be updated regularly, should the office need to close on any particular day.

If you need to make an appointment to see one of them or need to collect anything from the office, please either email [Corinne](#) or [Chloe](#) or call the office on 01483 567716 and leave a message. Thank you.

Sunday Worship • 10th July 2022

HOLY TRINITY

[10am Sung Eucharist](#)
[Sermon by Tom Pote](#)

Deuteronomy 30.9-14,
Colossians 1.3-6, 9-14
Luke 10.25-37

5pm - Festal Evensong

2 Chronicles 5
Ephesians 4

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ST MARY'S

[8am BCP Holy Communion](#)
[Led by Ben Cahill-Nicholls](#)

[10.30am Morning Worship](#)
[Led by Ben Cahill-Nicholls](#)

Deuteronomy 30.9-14
Luke 10.25-37

**Midweek Holy Communion •
Wednesdays • 12 noon**

(except the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

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SERVICES CAN BE FOUND
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[Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am \(9.30 Saturday\)](#)

Notices, Events and Reminders!

What's On at Holy Trinity & St Mary's

We delight in the wide variety of services, [activities and events](#) that take place in Holy Trinity, St Mary's and the Trinity Centre.

[CONTACT US](#) for more information.

Friday 8th July: The Vigil for Ukraine continues to happen every Friday evening at St Mary's from 9-11pm. Please do come along and show your support, light a candle and reflect.



Concert for Ukraine

featuring live music from:
**Katalin Koltai (guitar) &
Emily Bolton singer/songwriter & M&M Choirs**

**Saturday 9th July 7:30pm at
St Johns Church Stoke Road
Guildford GU1 1HB**

Suggested £10 minimum donation per person, on the door (card reader available).
All proceeds to go to support Ukrainian refugees.

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9 July 2022
7 pm**

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