

To Assistant Bishops, Clergy (both licensed clergy and those with PTO), Readers, Churchwardens, Trustee and Council Members, and Staff in the Diocese of Chichester

THE CHRISM EUCHARIST 2020

with the Reaffirmation of Ordination Commitment and the Blessing of the Oils

Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 12 noon

in Chichester Cathedral

The Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral is a joyful opportunity to renew our response to our calling as ordained ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I very much hope you can be in the Cathedral on Tuesday in Holy Week. I also very much encourage you to extend this invitation to those who assist you in any way in preparing and celebrating the worship of God, in order that together we can recognise their work and thank them for it.

"You are my friends," says Jesus (John 15.14). Let us gather together to deepen our obedience to him, our *most merciful redeemer, friend and brother*, and make his friendship the gift we offer the world.

★ Martin Cicester:

Practical Arrangements for Clergy and Readers

Time

• Please note the start time of **12 noon.**

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Robing - Please note that because of overcrowding in The Palace Old Kitchen, the robing for clergy and Readers has now been divided:

- Bishop's Chapel: Assistant Bishops, Archdeacons, Dean and Chapter, College of Canons, Deacons (ministering at the Eucharist)
- Palace Old Kitchen (entrance through glazed green door south west of the Cathedral west doors): Diocesan clergy and Readers from the **Brighton and Lewes and Horsham Archdeaconries.**
- The Vicars' Hall at the East end of the Cathedral Green: Diocesan Clergy and Readers from the **Chichester and Hastings Archdeaconries**

Dress

- Assistant Bishops: alb, white mitre and white cope;
- *Clergy*: alb or cassock and surplice with white stole or scarf;
- *Readers*: alb or cassock and surplice with blue scarf.

Oil Distribution

- Oils can be collected after the service from the Eastern Arm in the Cathedral. Please ensure that only suitable receptacles are presented for the holy oils.
- Oils are also available throughout the year from The Palace, should you require further supplies.

Deputies

• A parish or chaplaincy representative may collect oils on behalf of the priest.