



Liturgical Arrangements for the Funeral of Bishop Geoffrey Rowell

Tuesday 4 July

Bishop Geoffrey's body, vested and in its coffin, will be received into the Cathedral at 6.30 pm, following Evensong (which starts at 5.30 pm.)

There will then be a vigil of prayer at St Richard's Shrine *for the unity of the Church and the spread of the gospel*. You are invited to offer Mass here during the vigil.

Each celebrant is asked to form an intention that draws from Bishop Geoffrey's teaching and example, shaping with imagination and courage the apostolic work that lies ahead of us.

Those wishing to be included in the list of celebrants should email a request to the Bishop of Chichester (via lizzie.waine@chichester.anglican.org) stating at what time you wish to celebrate. The final Masses in the vigil will begin at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 5 July.

Hospitality for those participating in the vigil will be available in the Palace throughout the night.

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Deacons and priests who wish to robe and sit in choir (alb / cassock and cotta and purple stole) should request a ticket in advance.

Bishops who wish to robe and sit in choir are also asked to request a ticket in advance. The vesture for bishops is alb, purple stole and pectoral cross.

Requests to celebrate during the vigil, and to robe for the funeral requiem should be made to lizzie.waine@chichester.anglican.org. NB The deadline for requests is Sunday 2 July. Details for saying Mass and of where and when to robe will be sent with your ticket.

The procession of clergy and ecumenical participants will be formed at 2.20pm. At 2.25 the coffin is brought to the west doors of the Cathedral for The Sentences and the entry hymn.

After the final commendation, the coffin, attended by members of Bishop Geoffrey's household and family, will be taken to Boxgrove Priory for burial.

A reception will be held in the cloister garth of the cathedral. In Chichester this is known as Paradise.

+ **Martin**