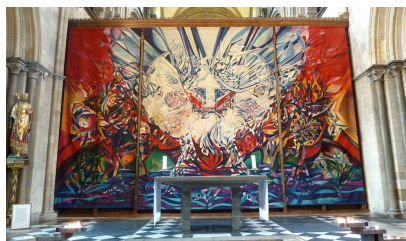


A Visit to Chichester Cathedral & Petworth House July 2011

Report by David Jones - Social Secretary

The trip to West Sussex went according to plan and the thirty seven people who made the journey enjoyed an interesting day with good companionship. The journey across to Chichester was untroubled so arrival was a shade ahead of time. This gave ample opportunity to view the splendid colour in the Bishop's Palace Gardens prior to morning coffee in the Cloisters Restaurant. The group then divided into two for a guided tour of the 900 year old Cathedral which has wealth of history with a various points of interest. Free time for lunch followed before leaving for Petworth House by a rural route through nice countryside combined with pleasing villages.



Art in Chichester Cathedral



Petworth House, now owned by the National Trust, was a first experience for a many within the group. The House offers many, many pictures plus a number of fine sculptures. Turner, Van Dyck, Reynolds and Blake are especially dominant, supplemented by furniture and carvings by Grinling Gibbons. The bedrooms are only open on certain days of the week but our trip fitted in nicely so we were able

to have the extended tour. Excellent!

Petworth House

There was time for a cup of tea on site before leaving for the return home, a journey which met the expected forecast timetable. Not bad.