

THE ROYAL FUSILIERS MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMITTEE

invites attendance at

**The Fifth Annual Memorial Lecture,
on Wednesday 13th May 2020 – 6.0pm for 6.30pm
in the Church of Holy Sepulchre London EC1
(at the junction of Holborn Viaduct and Giltspur Street)**
when

The Rt. Hon. and Rt. Revd. Lord Chartres GCVO DD FSA
will speak on

“1685 – England in Crisis”

The Royal Fusiliers was formed in 1685 at a time of national crisis. England, with memories of a sanguinary civil war, was still deeply divided. A rebel army was defeated in Somerset in July and, for the moment, the regime of King James II seemed secure. But a fierce debate about the constitution continued. Underlying all, there was argument about our relationship with the rest of Europe, and whether England should follow the path of our most powerful neighbour, modernising France under King Louis XIV. The lecture will describe the background to the early years of the Regiment and the consequences of the turmoil for officers and men. Some parallels with the situation in present times may be apparent.

Richard Chartres was born in July 1947. He attended Hertford Grammar School and Trinity College, Cambridge of which he is an Honorary Fellow. He was ordained in 1974 and from 1980 to 1984 was Chaplain to Archbishop Robert Runcie. Appointment as Bishop of Stepney followed in 1992, and three years later he was translated to London. He was also Dean of H. M. Chapels Royal (including the two chapels in the Tower of London) until he relinquished the office in July 2019. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries after publishing his “ Brief History of Gresham College “. After retiring as Bishop of London he was appointed to a Life Peerage and sits on the Cross Benches and contributes to a number of Lords’ Committees. He also continues his connection with the Merchant Taylors, his mother Company, and a number of other Livery Companies in the City of London.

This lecture is free of charge, but there will be a retiring collection for the Chapel. Allowing time for questions, the lecture is likely to end at about 7.30pm, but further discussion may take place informally over a glass of wine afterwards. Those wishing to attend are asked to send their names by e-mail to mjd451@gmail.com by Friday 8th May. Bids will be confirmed, but no hard-copy tickets will be issued.

Michael Dudding
Chairman, Royal Fusiliers Memorial Chapel Committee

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