



AUGUST AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Service Information and Music List

The Service Information and Music List for the month of August is available to view on the Cathedral website by [clicking here](#). Copies can be found in the Nave.



Service Highlights for August

Sunday 6 August, 3.00pm - Festal Evensong for the Transfiguration of our Lord sung by The Ravenscroft Singers

Tuesday 15 August, 5.15pm - Festal Eucharist for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary sung by All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, California

Thursday 17 August, 11.30am - Mothers Union Prayers

Saturday 19 August, 12.00pm - Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

The Dean's Message

August brings the Cathedral very large numbers of visitors, and each one is very welcome. Guided tours are hugely popular; candles are lit; hospitality is enjoyed in the café; and many come to the regular services with music by visiting choirs. Welcome all!

The Very Revd Dr John Davies, Dean of Wells



Events Highlights for August

This month sees us welcoming artists, more classic cars and a host of children enjoying their school holiday. Please see our [**Music in Wells 2017**](#) leaflet for more details of concert events.

Saturday 5 August to Saturday 19 August, in the South Cloister - Art Exhibition by popular painter Yvonne Harry. Admission free. More

details [here](#).

Thursday 10 August, 1.05pm in the Quire - Lunchtime Organ Recital by Barry Rose, OBE (formerly of Guildford, St Paul's, and St Albans Cathedrals). Admission free with retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Sunday 20 August, 9.00am on the Cathedral Green - [Best Western Country Tour](#), vintage car rally

Saturday 26 August, 1.00pm on the Cathedral Green - [Art 360](#), art competition event

Music News

For 'Latest News' from the Music Department please [click here](#).

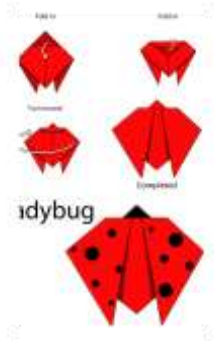


Visiting Choirs

Whilst the Cathedral Choir is on holiday over the summer months, we are joined by a host of visiting choirs to continue the wonderful music at worship. The Cathedral has already welcomed St Mark's Choir of Geneva, Illinois; the Bluecoat

School Choir made up of pupils aged from 11 to 18 years; and R E Lee Memorial Episcopal Church Choir from Lexington, Virginia.

August sees the Ravenscroft Singers (as pictured) from Durham singing Cathedral services in the first week, followed by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir from Shropshire before we are joined the following week by All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, California. It is wonderful to welcome so many choirs from all over to sing and keep the music flowing!



School Holiday 'Have a Go' Workshops

During the summer school holidays Wells Cathedral is putting on two creative workshops to entertain the little ones. These workshops are free with no need to book so please come along and join in the fun!

Wednesday 2 August, 10.30am to 12.00pm or 2.00 to 3.30pm in the Education Room - FREE school holiday 'Working with Paper' workshop.

Wednesday 23 August, 10.30am to 12.00pm or 2.00 to 3.30pm in the Education Room - FREE school holiday 'Shapes Trail and Geometric Art' workshop

The next holiday workshops will take place in the October half-term. Watch out for updates in the newsletter or follow us on Facebook or Twitter to find out more.



Cathedral Guided Tours

Our FREE Weekly Walks and series of Fixed Date Special Interest Tours continue this month with new themes.

AUGUST'S FREE 20 minute WEEKLY WALKS THEMES

Stained Glass, 11.10am 'St Mark'

Embroideries, 11.40am 'Towers and Arches'

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS - pre-bookable at £10/person

Saturday 5 August, 10.00am "**Marvels of Medieval Stained Glass**", "**Embroideries**" and "**Cathedral Carvings**"

Tuesday 15 August, 2.15pm "**Chained Library**" and "**A Doorway into Gothic Architecture**"

Special Interest Tours last approx. 1.5 hours and give an in-depth look at some of the Cathedral treasures. Tickets can be booked via our Cathedral Box Office in person or over the phone on 01749 672773, or [online via our website](#). If you're a group that can't make these dates please contact our Visits team for a tailor-made booking.



Wells - City of Festivals

October 2016 saw an inaugural cultural collaboration in Wells with Four Festivals showcasing a wealth of local and national talent to create a spectacular autumn in Somerset, including our own newmusicwells. At other times of the year the city

plays host to a drama festival, a comedy festival, a film festival and a brilliantly illuminated carnival. Wells may be small, but it holds a proud place in the festival world! Programmes for all four October festivals are being finalised and more details can be found [here](#).



Wells Literary Festival launch at Wells Cathedral

Wells Cathedral is delighted to welcome **Simon Jenkins** here as part of the Wells Festival of Literature 2017 programme of events. Simon Jenkins' tour of England's history, via its cathedrals, points out the best ones and Wells is one of his favourites.

To celebrate our 'happy cathedral' and the 25th Anniversary of the Festival of Literature, Simon will speak at this special event in this special cathedral on **Friday 29 September** from **7.00pm**. [Tickets are on sale now](#) for this special evening.



newmusicwells festival: Sunday 15 – Thursday 19

October 2017

Founded in 2008 by Matthew Owens, Organist and Master of the Choristers, this innovative festival is a retrospective of sacred choral and organ music of the previous forty years during all services, together with world premiere performances by Wells Cathedral Choir and organists of music by internationally renowned composers, local composers, and composition students from Wells Cathedral School. There are also concerts and a public masterclass with the featured composer of the year. All events are **free** of charge and details are included on our website [here](#) so do make a note to join us!



Cream Teas and Crockery

Recently Wells Cathedral Catering put out a call for donations of unused linen tableware and crockery to help create a vintage feel to accompany 'Afternoon Teas'. So far the reaction has been fantastic with many beautiful and generous donations received.

If you have anything you would like to donate our catering team would love to hear from you via catering@wellscathedral.uk.net



Be a Chorister for a Day

Our next Be a Chorister for a Day event will take place on **Saturday 14 October** from **11.00am - 5.00pm**, and includes singing games, learning about the Cathedral and finding out what a Chorister really does. Lunch is provided, and at the end of the day the children sing Evensong with the Cathedral Choir. In the afternoon parents can take a tour of Wells Cathedral School, and have afternoon tea in Vicars' Hall before Evensong.

There are still some boys' places available, and there is a waiting list for girls. If you know a child who will be aged between 7 and 9 on this date and would like to take part, please send your contact details to Melanie Lawlor in the Music Office by emailing: musicoffice@wellscathedral.uk.net or telephone 01749 674483. Places are limited, so please register early.



Cathedral Library Book of the Month - August

GELLIUS, Aulus *Noctium Atticarum* (Paris, 1523)

Aulus Gellius (125-180AD) was a Roman author educated in Greece. He later returned to Rome where he followed a judicial career. This book was given to the library by Dean Ralph Bathurst, Dean of Wells from 1670-1704, and a founder member of the Royal Society.



Cathedral Charities of the Month - August

Amnesty International and Save the Children

The Cathedral is committed to supporting community groups which serve people facing challenging circumstances. 'The Week's Good Cause' Donation Point provides a dedicated space for Somerset organisations, both to raise awareness of the group's aims, and to raise funds for that work.

In Our Thoughts: Amnesty Victim of Injustice for August - Thailand

Sirikan 'June' Charoensiri, a lawyer who recently won the prestigious Lawyers for Lawyers Award, has been supporting human rights during a dark period of military rule in Thailand. In June 2015, she attended a peaceful protest by pro-democracy student activists in Bangkok, to monitor the situation and provide legal representation of necessary. June, a specialist at the Thai Lawyers for Human Rights group, now faces sedition charges and a potential trial in a military court alongside her clients. She also faces charges on two additional cases relating to her defence of the student activists. If found guilty she could face a prison sentence of fifteen years. Since the military coup in 2014 and the crackdown on human rights, June says: There is now an environment where risk is visible and imminent.



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