

The Chapter Letter

The First Sunday after Trinity Sunday 22 June 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for First Sunday after Trinity begin on page 156 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Welcome: A very warm welcome to the Cathedral, particularly if you are a visitor or here for the first time. We would be delighted to meet you, so do please make yourself known to one of the clergy after the service. Everybody is welcome to stay and enjoy time together over soft drinks after the Cathedral Eucharist, where there are Welcomers available - please do seek them out if you have questions or simply to chat.

Dean Toby writes: Thanks so much for all the messages, cards, flowers and everything after my cancer diagnosis. I've been amazed by the wave of support and I am truly grateful for all the prayers and encouragement from the community for me and the family.

Electrical works: In order that the Cathedral building remains safe and compliant, necessary electrical work is required. The best time of year for this work is when the natural light levels are at their best, so work began on **Monday 16 June** and is scheduled to finish on **Wednesday 25 June**. The electrical contractors will have to disconnect our electricity supply so there will be no live sockets or lights in the Cathedral including the Library. Areas such as the Shop, Café, West Cloister Offices, Welcome Desk and Friends' Building will be unaffected. Unfortunately, the hearing loop system will be off for the duration of the works and there will be no amplification during services. Today, soft drinks will be served after the Cathedral Eucharist instead of the usual tea and filter coffee.

Amnesty International: This afternoon, at 3.00 p.m., Evensong will have a refugee theme. Refreshments will be served following the service. The next meeting of Amnesty International takes place on **Thursday 26 June at 2.30 p.m.** in Wells Library. All are welcome.

Wells Painting Group Exhibition: The exhibition will be in the Cathedral from **24 June until 5 July**. Wells Painting Group was founded in 1969 by popular local artist Pauline Phillips. After meeting in the Blue School for many years, the group moved to St Thomas' Church Hall where it meets regularly. Group members paint a wide and varied range of subjects in all mediums. Paintings are for sale through the Cathedral Shop. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass.

Canopies and Cathedrals: A Cross-Continent Art Collaboration Weaving Together Forests and Gothic Architecture: Canopies and Cathedrals is a new international art project that explores the connections between ancient forests and Gothic architecture. It brings together artists from Australia and the United Kingdom and bridges the natural and the sacred through immersive sound, video and print installations. The exhibition is in both the Chapter House and Undercroft and is running from **24 June until 11 July**.

Primary Schools' Outreach Celebration Concert: Please join us in the Nave at 1.05 p.m. on **Friday 27 June** for a very special concert! For the last few months, the Cathedral's Director of Primary School Musical Outreach, Alexander Jenkins, has been working with choirs of children in local schools. On 27 June, these children will come to the Cathedral and join together as one to give this very special concert as a culmination of all of their hard work, alongside the Cathedral's Junior Choristers. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass.

Sound Healing Event: In Space Through Sound: On Friday 27 June at 7.00 p.m., there will be a transformative evening of immersive sound at Wells Cathedral. Known for the creation of sacred spaces through vibrational resonance, the collective invites you to step into a sonic sanctuary where ancient architecture meets deeply restorative frequencies. This unique event will harness the acoustic majesty of Wells Cathedral to guide participants on an inward journey through a tapestry of gongs, flute, singing bowls, chimes, voice and other sacred instruments. Designed to support deep rest, reflection, and personal insight, the sound immersion offers a portal to reconnect with the expansive nature of your own being. For further information, and to book tickets, please visit the Cathedral website: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on?event=75905021>

Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra Concert – Mahler 5: On Thursday 3 July at 7.00 p.m., students from Wells Cathedral School will perform their annual Symphony Orchestra concert at Wells Cathedral. For booking information, please visit the Wells Cathedral School website: <https://cedarshallwells.co.uk/events/mahlers-fifth-symphony/>

Four Seasons and Lark Ascending by Candlelight: On Friday 5 July at 7.30 p.m., London Concertante will be performing Vivaldi's Four Seasons and The Lark Ascending. Experience astounding music by one of classical music's greatest composers performed by some of the country's best classical musicians all presented by stunning candlelight in Wells Cathedral. For booking information, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on?event=76993871>

Charity of the Month: In the South Quire Aisle, you will find a noticeboard where each month different charities are invited to publicise information about their work and where it is possible for individuals to make donations to that

charity. In June, the focus is on Amnesty International, which is a global movement of more than 10 million people in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end abuses of human rights.

Freeland Retreat: The Canon Chancellor is leading a retreat at the Community of St Clare, Freeland, Witney, Oxfordshire from **Monday 7 to Thursday 10 July**. The theme is *The Psalms and Christian Identity*. Megan will encourage retreatants to think about how they can know themselves better through the relationships they practice with God, with each other, and with themselves, as they use the Psalms in their worship, prayer, and contemplation today. Please speak to Megan if you would like further information about the retreat.

Be a Chorister for a Day event: Each autumn, Wells Cathedral holds a fabulous free event called *Be a Chorister for a Day*, where children can experience what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister. The event is open to children aged between 6 and 9, there are fun singing workshops, and the afternoon ends with them taking part in the Evensong service alongside the Cathedral Choir. This year's event will take place on Saturday 20 September 2025.

There is also the opportunity, for those who wish, to tour Wells Cathedral School this day during their Open Morning. For further details and to register to attend the Open Morning, please visit: <https://wells.cathedral.school/openday/autumn-open-morning>

Here is a link to further information on the Wells Cathedral website, including a wonderful short video of the Choristers explaining how they feel about Chorister life in their own words: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/choristerships>

If you would like further information or to register for a place, please contact Melanie Lawlor: musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk

Cider and Cheese Festival: Early bird tickets are now on sale for the first ever Wells Cathedral Cider and Cheese festival on **Saturday 27 September 2025**. For booking information, please visit: <https://WellsCathedral-CiderCheese25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Pastoral Care: The Cathedral Pastoral Care team comprises: Wendy Haslam (Pastoral Care Coordinator), Caroline Byrne, Reverend Edward Day, Kate Day, Reverend Rosey Lunn, Patricia Hellier, Lissy Manners, Julian Tucker and Fran Wood. Members of the team visit individuals as needed including the provision of home communion. Visits are co-ordinated by Wendy Haslam.

If you have pastoral matters to raise or would like a visit, please contact Wendy on pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk or 07815 309527. You can also call the Cathedral Office (01749 674483).

Safeguarding at Wells Cathedral: Wells Cathedral is committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details please visit:

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/safeguarding>

You can report a concern using the same online link or by contacting either Joanne Austin, Diocesan and Safeguarding case worker:

01749 588905, joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org

or Ben Goodhind, Diocesan and Cathedral Safeguarding Manager,

01749 588917, ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org

This week at Wells Cathedral

Monday – Friday (inclusive)

The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.
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23 MONDAY: Etheldreda, abbess c. 678

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

24 TUESDAY: Birth of John the Baptist

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral) attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Parish Safeguarding Officers

25 WEDNESDAY: Ember Day

10.00 a.m. **Eucharist** (Common Worship Order I, Traditional)

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

26 THURSDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

27 FRIDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Primary School Music Outreach

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choristers)

7.00 p.m. **Sound Healing Event**

28 SATURDAY: Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c.200

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

2.00 p.m. **Ordination of Priests** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Tess Kuin Lawton, *Canon Missioner at Winchester Cathedral*

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

29 SUNDAY: PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (BCP), Quire/Presbytery

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist and Ordination of Deacons** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Ed Moll, *Minister at St George's Church, Wembdon*

3.00 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*