

The Chapter Letter

Peter and Paul, Apostles
Sunday 29 June 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Second Sunday after Trinity begin on page 158 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 always welcome to stay and enjoy time together over tea and filter coffee after the Cathedral Eucharist, where there are Welcomers available - please do seek them out if you have questions or simply to chat.

We extend a particular welcome to the Ordinands who are being ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Bath and Wells this morning, and to their family members, friends and parishioners. Please pray for them as they embark upon the ministry God has called them to.

William Turner Open Garden and Fundraising Event: Many thanks to all who supported this event on Saturday 21 June. It was a lovely evening and it was good to hear about the plan to re-design and re-plant part of the Camery Garden to honour the life and work of William Turner. If you were unable to attend, but would like to find out more about the project and how you can support it, then please email: fundraiser@wellscathedral.org.uk

Choir News: On Wednesday 2 July, Wells Cathedral Youth Choir, our non-auditioned choir of 11-to-18-year-olds, will sing at Evensong with the Vicars Choral. Please do come to the service and support our young singers if you can. Please also join us for the final service of the Cathedral Choir's year, Choral Evensong in the Nave at 5.15pm on **Friday 4 July**, as we say farewell to some of our longest-serving Choristers and the Choir head off for a well-deserved break!

Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra Concert – Mahler 5: On Thursday 3 July at 7.00 p.m., students from Wells Cathedral 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>

Wells Painting Group Exhibition: This exhibition will be in the Cathedral **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, which is in both the Chapter House and Undercroft, runs **until 11 July**.

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.

Organ Recital: The next lunchtime organ recital will take place on **Thursday 10 July** at 1.05 p.m., and will be given by Angela Kraft Cross, organist at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, California, USA. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Grand Organ Appeal. For further details, please visit the website:
www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk

Trip to Taizé: The Bishop is running a diocesan trip to the Taizé for young adults under the age of 30 **between 19 and 27 July**. Taizé, is a place to search for communion with God through community, chants, silence, personal reflection, and making new friends. Every year, thousands of young people travel to the south of France to spend a week with the ecumenical religious community and to make lifelong friendships with people from across the world. If you, or if you know anyone who would be interested, please do talk to The Reverend Edward Day, Cathedral Curate. You can find further details and how to sign up through this website: www.bathandwells.org.uk/faith/taize/

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 July, the focus is on Cats Protection. From humble beginnings in 1927, Cats Protection has grown to become the UK's leading cat charity. It helps an estimated 157,000 cats and kittens a year through its national network which comprises approximately 210 volunteer-run branches and 34 centres.

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>

USPG: Any stamp, coin, postcard or badge (civil or military, fabric or metal) can be of benefit to the Anglican mission United Society Partners in the Gospel. Please place in the box on the table in the North Transept. Very many thanks to all contributors.

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.

30 MONDAY

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

1 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Retired and Widowed Clergy

2 WEDNESDAY: Rogation Day

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)

3 THURSDAY: Thomas the Apostle

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)
with music selected by the departing Choristers

7.00 p.m. **Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra**
Concert: Mahler 5

4 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** celebrating the end of the Cathedral Choir Year (Wells Cathedral Choir)

5 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)

7.30 p.m. **London Concertante Concert: Four Seasons and Lark Ascending by Candlelight**

6 SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean*