

The Chapter Letter

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 6 July 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Third Sunday after Trinity begin on page 160 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.

Visiting Choir: Huge thanks to our visiting choir who are singing the services this week. Saint Thomas' Episcopal is a parish and parochial school in Houston, Texas. The student choir of the school and the adult choir serving the parish very often collaborate on liturgical and concert projects, functioning as a single inter-generational group. This is the Saint Thomas' choirs' first trip abroad and cathedral residency in the 70-year history of the institution. Before their week of services at Wells Cathedral, the choir sang Evensong at St. Nicholas' Basilica in Amsterdam.

Support the Ministry Experience Scheme: In September, we are delighted to be welcoming Alfie Rendell and Finlay (Fin) James to the Cathedral for their Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) year. This is an important Church of England scheme for 18 to 30-year-olds which gives participants the opportunity to discover their unique gifts and skills through Christian ministry and leadership experience. Each person's year will look different, but it will be formed around practical experience such as pastoral visiting, youth work, supporting events and Sunday services. It also includes theological study. The scheme will support Alfie and Fin to discern their gifts and form a valuable foundation for their future paths in service and faith. Although the Diocese of Bath and Wells are generously funding the majority of this year, we are currently facing a shortfall of £2,000. Your support could make a crucial difference and help to ensure Alfie and Fin are able to make the most of this extraordinary experience. If you feel that you would be able make a financial contribution to support Alfie and Fin's work, your gift - large or small - would be deeply appreciated. It is an important investment not only in two young people but in the future leadership of the church. If you would like to make a donation or would like further information, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Dean.

Jesmarie's Painters Exhibition: Jesmarie's Painters, a local amateur arts group, will again be holding their annual exhibition in the Cloisters of Wells Cathedral, **between Monday 7 July and Saturday 19 July.** This group of talented artists are all local residents. All paintings are original, in a variety of media, and are offered at affordable prices.

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 see: www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk

Volunteer Recruitment: On **Friday 11 July**, we shall be holding a Volunteer Recruitment morning starting in the Education Room at 10.30am. This is a great opportunity to meet existing Cathedral Staff and Volunteers, and learn more about the wide variety of volunteering opportunities we have here at the Cathedral.

We are looking for enthusiastic and interested people who can spare some time to volunteer at the Cathedral, and there are many ways to be involved from welcoming our visitors to stewarding concerts. To register interest, please use the web page <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/your-cathedral/volunteering> or telephone the Volunteer Services Office, 01749 832217.

Please share this information if you have a family member, friend or neighbour who might be interested.

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 runs until **11 July**.

Anna Chaplaincy: On **Wednesday 16 July** at 10.00 a.m., one of our Cathedral Readers, Annie Wynter-Crofts, will be commissioned as an Anna Chaplain at the Midweek Eucharist. Anna Chaplains are appointed and authorised by, and sent out under the authority of, their church. They offer person-centred spiritual care for older people of strong, little or no faith – those living in their own homes, in care homes and sheltered housing, as well as their friends, family members and care staff. Their work complements, rather than replicates, ministry already being done by churches.

You are warmly invited to attend this service and to support Annie as she undertakes this ministry.

Kinda Dusty Presents: The Music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons By Candlelight: On **Saturday 19 July** at 7.30 p.m., join Kinda Dusty for an incredible night of smash hits made famous by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, performed by one of the UK's leading tribute shows and featuring an epic band. Performing a collection of classics such as *Sherry*, *Walk Like A Man* and *Oh What a Night*, this group takes you right back to *late December back in '63*.

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: On **Saturday 27 September**, enjoy a relaxed and lively afternoon at Wells Cathedral as you sample a wide range of local ciders and cheeses, discover new favourites and soak up the atmosphere with live music and great company. The Festival is scheduled to start at 12 noon and run until 9.00 p.m. the same evening. Alongside stands from local cider and cheese producers, there will be a range of soft drink and food stalls.

Tickets are now available and include access to all events on the day, two half-pint drink tokens, and a commemorative glass to use on the day and take home. Additional tokens may be purchased for £2.50 each.

To book tickets, please see:

<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.

7 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, Texas, USA)

8 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, Texas, USA) attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Parish Safeguarding Officers

9 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, Texas, USA)

10 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Organ Recital:** Angela Kraft Cross, organist at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, California, USA

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

11 FRIDAY: Benedict, abbot, c.550

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, Texas, USA)

12 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, USA)

13 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, Texas, USA)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, Houston, Texas, USA)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Felix Mascarenhas, *Priest Vicar*