

The Chapter Letter

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27 July 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 165 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.

Huge thanks go to the Choir and Choristers of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, Kentucky, USA who sang the services so beautifully this week. They will be singing at the Cathedral Eucharist this morning and Choral Evensong this afternoon.

Visiting Choir - Monday 28 to Sunday 3 August: Cantemus Cum Spiritu is a choir formed of singers who would be considered leaders in their own choirs, but whose choirs don't necessarily have the chance to sing in Cathedrals. The idea of the choir is that by working with other singers of a similar level, they may be lifted to singing church choral music with a spirit and understanding which is inspiring both to them and to the listener. It is hoped that the experience they gain from this will, in turn, enthuse and inspire members of their 'home' choirs and, in so doing, help to strengthen church choirs generally. The singers this week come from all over the UK, as well as one from Germany. They are led by Jeff Stewart, who is an internationally known operatic tenor and singing teacher, whose first love was the choral tradition in which he grew up.

INEQE Safeguarding report: The results of the independent review into safeguarding in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and Wells Cathedral have now been published and are available here: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/archives/173057365> We are thrilled with the report which recognises how far we have come. In the press release this week, the Dean states: *"We warmly welcome the audit findings and recommendations. I am clear that the improvements to our safeguarding culture acknowledged in this report are the shared achievements of the whole team of volunteers, staff and clergy at Wells Cathedral, who work tirelessly towards upholding the highest standards of care. I am grateful for their commitment and for all they do."*

All are warmly invited to a Congregational Meeting in the Nave at 4.00 p.m. this afternoon, **Sunday 27 July**. Refreshments will be served after Evensong. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the findings from the INEQE safeguarding audit and mark some steps in our common life together.

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral: Join us for a nature-friendly summer exploring water, plants and animals in and around the Cathedral. There will be family trails, themed crafts and fun activities for children and young people of all ages!

Beautiful butterflies: Tuesday 29 July and Wednesday 6 August
Help with the Big Butterfly Count and get creative with butterfly art and crafts.

Build a bird feeder: Wednesday 30 July and Wednesday 13 August
Discover birds around the Cathedral, make a willow bird feeder and try bird themed art.

Watery Wells with Somerset Rivers Authority: Tuesday 19 August
Get inspired by beavers, build your own dam and enjoy crafts that will help you prepare for any weather.

Flowers and Foliage: Tuesday 5 , Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 20 August
Explore and draw around the Cathedral and create nature inspired designs in clay.

FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day!
Sessions take place from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Education Room and Camery Garden.

Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

Welcome Hampers for Ministry Experience Scheme Students: We'd love to extend a warm welcome to Alfie and Fin, the 2 new MES students who will be joining us in September, by putting together a thoughtful hamper for their arrival. If you would like to contribute, a collection box will be placed in the Virgers' vestry for any donations. Small treats, toiletries, biscuits, sweets or other thoughtful items would all be appreciated. The final day for contributions will be **Sunday 31 August**. Thank you for helping us make their arrival feel special!

Lunchtime Concert - Rolling Harmony: On **Friday 1 August** at 1.05 p.m., Rolling Harmony will be singing a selection of contemporary choral music, American folk songs, spirituals and jazz standards. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass.

Lunchtime Concert – St Agnes Singers: On **Saturday 2 August** at 1.05 p.m., join the St Agnes Singers for a lunchtime concert. They perform a wide variety of music, both accompanied and unaccompanied, from the Middle Ages to the present time. In the past few years, they have performed at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and Truro and Llandaff Cathedrals, as well as many local venues. 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 Cathedral.

Chilcompton Art Club Exhibition: This exhibition will run from **Monday 4 to Thursday 14 August** in the Cathedral Cloisters. The exhibition features

works in oils, acrylics, pastels and watercolours, reflecting the members' individual experiences, interests and creative journeys. With themes ranging from landscapes and still life to imaginative abstracts, the display offers visitors an insight into the diverse perspectives that make up this community-based collective in Chilcompton.

Organ Recital: The next lunchtime organ recital will take place on **Thursday 14 August** at 1.05 p.m., and will be given by Carolyn Craig, Assistant Director of Music here at Wells Cathedral. 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

Cider and Cheese Festival – 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 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>

Carols by Candlelight: The Carols by Candlelight Concerts are returning for 2025 on **Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 December!** Immerse yourself in a world of choral classics sung by the renowned Wells Cathedral Choir, and witness the Cathedral aglow with over 3,000 twinkling candles. Tickets for the concerts are now available through the Cathedral website: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/candlelight>

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.

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.
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28 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

29 TUESDAY: Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

30 WEDNESDAY: William Wilberforce, social reformer; Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners. 1833, 1797 and 1846

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

31 THURSDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

1 FRIDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Rolling Harmony

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

2 SATURDAY: Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** St Agnes Singers

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

3 SUNDAY: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

Preacher: The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantemus Cum Spiritu)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Chancellor*