

# The Chapter Letter

## The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 3 August 2025



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity begin on page 167 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 Cantemus Cum Spiritu choir who sang the services so beautifully this week. They will be singing at the Cathedral Eucharist this morning and Choral Evensong this afternoon.

**Prayer Vigil for Gaza:** Bishop Michael will be holding a prayer vigil for Gaza in the chapel at the Bishop's Palace at 5.00 p.m. **this afternoon**, Sunday 3 August. The vigil will be open for anyone to attend. Those who can't join Bishop Michael at the chapel are being encouraged to join in and pray where they are, at a time to suit them. To find out more, please visit: <https://bathandwells.org.uk/news/bishop-michael-to-hold-prayer-vigil-for-gaza.php>

**Visiting Choir - Monday 4 to Sunday 10 August:** The Naylor Singers is a group of 20-25 men and women who have a common interest in participating in Cathedral services, and come together twice a year for this purpose. Many of the group also sing regularly in church choirs. The Naylor Singers' repertoire encompasses music from the early Renaissance to the present day.

**Lunchtime Concerts:** Join the Nottingham Choirs, Canada, for a lunchtime concert at 1.05 p.m. on **Friday 8 August**. On **Saturday 9 August** at 1.05 p.m., Glastonbury Male Voice Choir will be giving a lunchtime concert. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

**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](http://www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk)

**SOUP!** A date for the diary! After a long summer break, we look forward to welcoming SOUP! back to the Cathedral on **Saturday 6 September** to give four more worthy causes the opportunity to spread their word and receive much needed funds. They would welcome your support.

Wells Almshouses, Children's Hospice South West, the Friends of Mendip Hospital Cemetery and the Friends of Coxley School PTA will be presenting and Windsor Hill

Refuge Centre will be telling us how the money they received in April has helped them.

We are hugely grateful to Bowleys Garage in Wells for sponsoring SOUP! once again, it is really appreciated. And thank you to the Cathedral for accommodating SOUP! and to all the helpers, especially Fresh and Good for supplying the delicious soups and rolls. See you there on Saturday 6 September 12.40 p.m. for 1.00 p.m.

Ross Young

**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:** Wednesday 6 August

Help with the Big Butterfly Count and get creative with butterfly art and crafts.

**Build a bird feeder:** 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

**Modern Day Pilgrimage:** On **Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September**, a two-day journey from Bath Abbey to Wells Cathedral will take place, following the 30-mile historic route once taken by Medieval Pilgrims. It is a distance of approximately 30 miles. On Saturday, pilgrims will leave Bath Abbey and walk approximately 18 miles to Hinton Blewett and on Sunday, pilgrims will walk from Hinton Blewett to Wells, finishing at the Cathedral West Front around 2.00 p.m., in time for a special Evensong at 3.00 p.m. The pilgrimage is being led by Annie Maw, who broke her spine in a near-fatal accident. 25% of the money raised will support The City of Wells Almshouses and 75% will support *Humanity and Inclusion*, an organisation that care for vulnerable elderly people in Eastern Ukraine who are unable to move away and are living in truly terrible circumstances. For further details of how to join the walk, please speak to Wendy Ray (07787874198) or contact: [Stephanie.sutcliffe@festival-medical.org](mailto:Stephanie.sutcliffe@festival-medical.org) If you would like to join the walk, or make a donation, please go to [gofund.me/5b3076a3](https://gofund.me/5b3076a3)

**Vacancy for Archdeaconry Assistant:** The Archdeacon of Wells is seeking a new Archdeaconry Assistant. The Archdeaconry Assistant plays a crucial role in supporting the ministry of the Archdeacon and ensuring the smooth running of the Wells Archdeaconry office; they are a main point of contact for the parishes of the Wells Archdeaconry, dealing with a wide range of queries and issues on a daily basis.

Details of the post can be found on the vacancies page of the Diocesan website.  
[www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/archdeaconry-assistant-wells-archdeaconry.php](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/archdeaconry-assistant-wells-archdeaconry.php)

**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!

**Mothers' Union:** This worldwide charity has a local group who meet on the first Thursday of each month from 2.00 p.m.– 4.00 p.m. in Flourish House, the Diocesan offices on Cathedral Park. The next meeting is on **Thursday 7 August**. Our mission is to show the Christian Faith through our prayers and actions so helping to transform communities worldwide. Our meetings are informal, covering related topics relevant to society today. You are most welcome to join us. Contact Margaret Hendy on 01749 677003 for more information.

**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 August, the focus is on the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Last year, they carried out 2,909 missions. They provide life-saving critical care and rapid transfers for the most seriously ill and injured people across our region. Expert teams of consultant level doctors and specialist practitioners go above and beyond to deliver hospital-level treatment, directly at the scene of an incident.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org)

or Ben Goodhind, Diocesan and Cathedral Safeguarding Manager,

01749 588917, [ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org)

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### **This week at Wells Cathedral**

<b>Monday – Friday (inclusive)</b>
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The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.
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#### **4 MONDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Naylor Singers)

#### **5 TUESDAY:** Oswald, king, martyr, 642

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** (The Naylor Singers)

#### **6 WEDNESDAY: Transfiguration Of Our Lord**

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

5.15 p.m. **Festal Eucharist** (The Naylor Singers)

#### **7 THURSDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

#### **8 FRIDAY:** Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Nottingham Choirs

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Naylor Singers)

#### **9 SATURDAY:** Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Glastonbury Male Voice Choir

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Naylor Singers)

#### **10 SUNDAY: THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (The Naylor Singers)

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

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Naylor Singers)

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*