

The Chapter Letter

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 10 August 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 168 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 Naylor Singers 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 11 to Sunday 17 August: The University of Bristol Church Choir is a University of Bristol Students' Union-affiliated choir, based at St Paul's Church, Clifton. The choir welcomes current students, alumni, and singers from across Bristol who share a passion for choral music.

Taste and See – The Cathedral Meditation Group: The Cathedral Meditation Group is an opportunity to share in thirty minutes of silent prayer which follows a brief introduction. Such prayer is a chance to deepen our personal relationship with God and to contribute to the prayer-life of the Cathedral. All are most welcome. The next session will be on **Monday 11 August** at 6.00 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. Future dates are **8 September** and **13 October**.

Head Virger's Sabbatical: Following his return to work after his stroke last year, Head Virger Simon Rose has decided to take a sabbatical. This started earlier this week and will last until he returns to lead the procession at his final service at the end of the year to mark his retirement. We will have an opportunity to thank Simon for his many years of service as a Virger and a Head Virger in December. Please do keep him and Sheila in your prayers as he approaches his retirement in a different way to that which he had hoped for. We are currently inviting applications for the role of Head Virger, with interviews scheduled for September.

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

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!

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 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, former Lord Lieutenant, 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 If you would like to join the walk, or make a donation, please go to 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

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!

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>

Dr Anthony Crossland: We are sorry to share the sad news that Dr Anthony Crossland, Organist and Master of the Choristers from 1971-1996, and Assistant Organist from 1961-1970, has died at the age of 93, after a brief period of ill health. He has left a lasting and very special legacy for Wells Cathedral through his leadership of the music and chorister tradition. We extend our sincerest condolences and prayers to his family, especially to his wife Barbara, and their children Caroline, Vicky and Nick. Plans are underway for a Memorial Celebration this Autumn, further details of which will be made available in due course. Please do register your interest to attend here: <https://www.wcct.co.uk/latest-news/2025/8/4/tony-crossland>

Barbara Dickinson: A Service of Thanksgiving for Barbara's life will take place on **Friday 10 October** at 12 noon. Barbara's children, Paula and Peter, would be delighted to see as many of their mother's friends who are able to attend. A reception will follow afterwards at the Museum.

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 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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11 MONDAY: Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (University of Bristol Church Choir)

6.00 p.m. **Taste and See:** Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

12 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (University of Bristol Church Choir)

13 WEDNESDAY: Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (University of Bristol Church Choir)

14 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital**, Carolyn Craig, Assistant Director of Music at Wells Cathedral

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

15 FRIDAY: The Blessed Virgin Mary

5.15 p.m. **Festal Eucharist** † (University of Bristol Church Choir)

16 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (University of Bristol Church Choir)

17 SUNDAY: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (University of Bristol Church Choir)

Preacher: The Venerable Anne Gell, *Archdeacon of Wells*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (University of Bristol Church Choir)

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