

# The Chapter Letter

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 17 August 2025



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 170 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 University of Bristol Church Choir 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 18 to Sunday 24 August:** The Universities in London Church Choir, directed by Sally Martin-Brown, was founded as a charity in 1992 after the closure of the University of London chaplaincy Church of Christ the King, by former members of the choir at that time. It has continued to thrive for nearly three decades, and sings by invitation for churches that have no choir or where the choir is away. As well as singing the well-known liturgical settings, they like to promote new compositions by new male and female church composers and encourage, through playing opportunities, upcoming organists. There are now many members worldwide most of whom were under- or post-graduates, medical students, or researchers at one of the Universities making up the University of London. Some members are associated with other universities in London, and all share a common interest in singing Anglican Church music.

**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.

**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>

**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!

*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:* 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

**Lunchtime Concert:** Join Charlie Trueman for a Lunchtime Concert at Wells Cathedral on **Friday 22 August** at 1.05 p.m. Charlie is an 18-year-old baritone based in Wakefield, currently studying with Chris Why and serving as a junior choral scholar at Blackburn Cathedral. His musical journey began as a chorister at Wakefield Cathedral, where he was a finalist in the BBC Young Chorister of the Year competition for two consecutive years, with the latter broadcast on BBC One's *Songs of Praise*. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

**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!

**Modern Day Pilgrimage: On Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September,** a two day pilgrimage journey will take place from Bath Abbey to Wells Cathedral, led by Annie Maw, former Lord Lieutenant, who broke her spine in a near fatal accident. Come and walk with Annie to support two great charities, *Humanity and Inclusion* which support vulnerable elderly people in Eastern Ukraine who are living in terrible circumstances, and the *City of Wells Almshouses* charity. The pilgrimage will finish at the Cathedral West Front around 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, Day Two, so that walkers can attend a special Festal Evensong service at 3.00 p.m. If you feel the pilgrimage journey will be too challenging, you are welcome to join the pilgrims at Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy, to walk the final 3 miles downhill to Wells!

For further details of how to join all or part of the walk, please speak to Wendy Ray ([wendyray1946@gmail.com](mailto:wendyray1946@gmail.com) or 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)

**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](mailto:pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk) or 07815 309527. You can also call the Cathedral Office (01749 674483).**

**Safeguarding at Wells Cathedral:** "Everyone who participates in the life of the Cathedral has a role to play in promoting a safe environment for all. It is one of the

most important aspects of our life together, reflecting the love and care of God for every person.” (Wells Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook)  
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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### **18 MONDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Universities in London Church Choir)

### **19 TUESDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Universities in London Church Choir)

**20 WEDNESDAY:** Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Universities in London Church Choir)

### **21 THURSDAY**

11.30 a.m. **Mothers' Union Prayers** in the Lady Chapel

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

### **22 FRIDAY**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Charlie Trueman

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Universities in London Church Choir)

### **23 SATURDAY**

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Universities in London Church Choir)

### **24 SUNDAY: BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Universities in London Church Choir)

Preacher: The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Universities in London Church Choir)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*