

The Chapter Letter

Bartholomew the Apostle

Sunday 24 August 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for St Bartholomew begin on page 224 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 Universities in London 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 25 to Thursday 28 August: The Girls' Choir at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, was founded in 1990 by the then Director of Music, Simon Lole, and sings an upper-voices Choral Evensong each week, collaborating with the Gentlemen of the Choir for Sunday Eucharists and Evensongs throughout the church year, and as part of the combined full foundation choir at special events and major festivals. Open to girls aged between 7 and 18, choristers receive expert tuition in vocal technique, music theory, and sight-reading, enabling them to tackle a broad and challenging repertoire, as heard on frequent BBC radio and TV broadcasts alongside the Gentlemen of the Choir. The Girl Choristers' annual performances of Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* in December and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* during Holy Week have become staple events in the Warwick calendar, and the Gentlemen boast a hearty commitment to the Choir's social life.

Visiting Choir - Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August: St Christopher's Chamber Choir was formed in about 2000 by the late Ralph Franklin, and is an amalgam from members of choirs he directed during his time as Director of Music at St Neot's Parish Church; Howden Minster; St Paul's Church, Bedford; All Saints Wokingham, and Dunster Parish Church. The Choir have sung at a dozen or so Cathedrals or Abbeys. After Ralph's unexpected death in July 2012, it was decided to continue singing, and one of the basses, Gary Mudd (who is also an experienced choir director) took over as Musical Director. The organist is Andrew Christer, who was organist at Darlington Parish Church (the "Railwayman's church"). One of Ralph's particular "fortes" was in preparing the Choir for singing the Psalms, and they pride themselves on that aspect of their singing. If the Cathedral or place of worship is in agreement, they often sing the music of a Bedfordshire composer, Paul Edwards.

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!

Dr Anthony Crossland: The family of Tony Crossland have asked that we share the following information regarding the funeral, which will be held on **Thursday 4 September** at 3.00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Darlington Street, Bathwick, Bath, BA2 4EP. All are warmly invited to join the family for tea in the church hall following the service. The family will attend the committal immediately after the service then join friends for tea. If you plan to attend the funeral, then it would be most helpful, for catering purposes, if you could email clerk@wcct.co.uk and this information will be passed on to the family.

For those travelling to Bath, St. Mary's is approximately 20 minutes' walk from Bath Spa railway station where there is a taxi rank. Parking at the church is very limited but there is parking nearby at Bath Cricket Club, and there are also a number of car parks in the centre of Bath within walking distance (10 - 20 minutes).

It is hoped that there will also be a memorial service in Wells Cathedral in November and further details will follow. Please register your interest at clerk@wcct.co.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

Roman Catholic Mass: A Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Quire of Wells Cathedral on **Monday 8 September** at 3.00 p.m. to mark the feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The President will be the local Catholic priest, Fr Tony Pazhayakalam and the preacher will be Fr Canon Alan Finley. All are welcome to join in prayer and thanksgiving on this memorable day in the spirit of ecumenism.

Organ Recital: The next lunchtime organ recital will take place on **Thursday 11 September** at 1.05 p.m., and will be given by David Hill, MBE; Organist and Conductor. 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

The Sixteen: Choral Pilgrimage 2025: On Friday 12 September at 7.30 p.m., The Sixteen will be performing a programme for inner peace, combining medieval sounds with the contemporary voices of Arvo Pärt, Will Todd and Anna Clyne.

In an age of resurgent conflict and frenetic demands on our attention, the *2025 Choral Pilgrimage: Angel of Peace* offers a slice of tranquillity in many forms courtesy of luminous, purifying music traversing six centuries. From the enraptured songs of the medieval abbess, Hildegard of Bingen, to the magical realm of a brand new work by the contemporary composer Anna Clyne, nine pieces of music from across the centuries speak of peace and acceptance and the ecstatic joy their reassurance can bring. To book tickets, please visit: <https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2025-wells/>

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 or 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

Cider and Cheese Festival – Saturday 27 September: Plans for the Cider and Cheese Festival are progressing well. We recently met with a company who are supplying “dressing” for the Cathedral, which will give it a country fair feel, in keeping with cider and cheese. One of the suggestions is to have hay bales and apples arranged artistically around the Cathedral. Can you help with donations of either hay bales or sacks/crates of apples? If so, please contact Liz de Pass: events@wellscathedral.org.uk

The Festival will 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. 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!** Tickets are now available through the Wells Cathedral website: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/candlelight>

2026 Diaries and Calendars: Calling all early-birds to Wells Cathedral Shop, where the 2026 Church Diaries and 2026 Wells Cathedral Calendars are now on sale!

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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25 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick)

26 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick)

27 WEDNESDAY: Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick)

28 THURSDAY: Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick)

29 FRIDAY: Beheading of John the Baptist

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (St Christopher's Chamber Choir)

30 SATURDAY: John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

2.30 p.m. **Service of Holy Matrimony**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (St Christopher's Chamber Choir)

31 SUNDAY: THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (St Christopher's Chamber Choir)

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (St Christopher's Chamber Choir)

Preacher: The Venerable Anne Gell, *Archdeacon*