

# The Chapter Letter

## Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 31 August 2025



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity begin on page 172 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 both the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick and St Christopher's Chamber Choir who sang the services so beautifully this week. St Christopher's Chamber Choir will be singing at the Cathedral Eucharist this morning and Choral Evensong this afternoon.

**Choir News:** Wells Cathedral Choir is delighted to be returning to sing the services after the summer break.

At the Choir's first service, Evensong at 5.15 p.m. on Saturday 6 September, we will welcome nine new Choristers to the Cathedral Choir – Aidan, James, Jakob, Stirling, Charlie, Annick, Alice, Gwendoline, and Darcy. We also welcome new Choral Scholars Herbert Zielinski, and new Vicar Choral Raphael Geldsetzer.

Congratulations to Monty, Austin, Rowan, Teddy, and Grace, last year's Probationer Choristers, who will receive their surplices and become full Choristers, and also to the Choristers who will receive medals at the service: Ryan (Head Boy Chorister), Kukhanya (Deputy Head Boy Chorister), Alma (Head Girl Chorister), Clemmie (Deputy Head Girl Chorister), and Jemima (Tudway-Quilter Chorister).

**Women Change Makers Exhibition:** From **Tuesday 2 – Tuesday 16 September**, the Cloisters at Wells Cathedral will host the *Women Change Makers* exhibition, which is a vibrant celebration of fierce female empowerment. This remarkable showcase, created by photo-artist Clare Newton, shines a spotlight on today's incredible women leading the change in traditionally male-dominated industries.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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. To book tickets, please visit: <https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2025-wells/>

**Lunchtime Concert:** On **Saturday 13 September** at 1.05 p.m., Horizons Choir from Bath will be giving a lunchtime concert. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

**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)

**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](mailto:events@wellscathedral.org.uk)

Flyers publicising the Festival are available at the Welcome Desk. If you are able to take some for your workplace and/or neighbourhood, please do ask for some at the desk as this enable us to publicise the event far and wide!

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!** 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>

**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 September, the focus is on St Mungo's. This charity works to end rough sleeping by providing outreach, street services, and support to help people find and keep housing. Their services can include mental health support, help with community connections, and assistance with benefits and budgeting.

**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**

### **Monday – Friday (inclusive)**

The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

#### **1 MONDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

#### **2 TUESDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

**3 WEDNESDAY:** Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

#### **4 THURSDAY**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

#### **5 FRIDAY**

10.30 a.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

#### **6 SATURDAY**

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong**, marking the beginning of the Cathedral Choir Year

#### **7 SUNDAY: THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Wells Cathedral Choir)

Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean*

3.05 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Catherine Llewelyn-Evans

**Please note:** The government will be carrying out a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts system on 7 September 2025 at 3.00 p.m. The test alert will be sent to all compatible 4G and 5G mobile phones and compatible tablets across the UK. Consequently, Choral Evensong will begin at 3.05 p.m.