

# The Chapter Letter

## Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 7 September 2025



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 175 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, Precentor, is preaching at St. Cuthbert's Church, Wells today, for their Patronal Festival. We pray that both he and the community will be blessed by their time together.

**Choral Evensong today - please note:** *The government will be carrying out a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts system this afternoon 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.*

**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.

**Roman Catholic Mass:** A Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Quire of Wells Cathedral tomorrow, **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.

**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 8 September** at 6.00 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. Future dates are 13 October, 10 November and 1 December.

**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.

**Canon George Farran:** We are sorry to announce that Canon George Farran, a former Chancellor of Wells Cathedral, passed away last week. His funeral will be held in Bath Abbey at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday 15 September**.

**Women Change Makers Exhibition:** Until **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.

**Wells Relaxed Networking Breakfast:** Mogers Drewett are hosting another free Networking Breakfast on **Thursday 25 September** from 8.30 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. in The Loft. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, fresh pastries and breakfast butties while making new friendships and professional connections. Tickets can be obtained through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wells-relaxed-networking-breakfast-tickets-1437490305199?aff=oddtcreator>

**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>

**Finding inspiration in the Psalms: a Church Times one day festival:** On **Thursday 2 October**, from 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m., there will be a one-day event in the De Grey Rooms, York, exploring the gift of the Psalms through poetry, art, liturgy and music. Speakers include The Reverend Dr Malcolm Guite, poet and priest; The Reverend Dr Victoria Johnson, Dean of the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge; Roger Wagner, artist and poet, and Honorary Fellow of Lincoln College Oxford; and our Canon Chancellor, The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern. Tickets are available via the website: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/finding-inspiration-in-the-psalms-a-church-times-one-day-festival>

**Exploring the Nicene Creed – 1700 Years On:** This year marks 1700 years since the text of the Nicene Creed was first agreed at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, where bishops from across the Christian world, convened by the Emperor Constantine, affirmed that Jesus Christ is “of one being with the Father.” The Creed

proclaims the Church's faith in the Trinity and has been recited in Christian worship for centuries.

But what does it mean for us today?

- Why do we continue to use a Creed?
- What do we believe about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- How does saying the Creed shape our relationship with God?

These fundamental questions of our faith will be explored through four weeks of group study using the booklet *We Believe – Exploring the Nicene Creed* (available soon in the Cathedral bookshop for £3.50).

Two groups, facilitated by The Reverend Mary Lewis and The Reverend Simon Lewis, will be offered:

- Thursday mornings: 11.00 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. in 2c North Road (October 30; November 6, 13, 20)
- Sunday afternoons: 4.15 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. in the Cathedral (October 26; November 2, 9, 16)

If you would like to join one of these groups, please contact the Dean's Executive Assistant: [jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk) stating whether you would prefer to join a Thursday or a Sunday group.

*Reverend Mary Lewis, Priest Vicar*

**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.

**USPG:** Donors from the Cathedral have been thanked for their latest contribution which has assisted irrigation projects and tools for farmers in Zululand. Please continue to donate stamps, coins, postcards and badges, using the box on the table in the North Transept.

**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.

### 8 MONDAY: Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Accession of King Charles III, 2022

- 3.00 p.m. **Roman Catholic Mass**, Quire, celebrated by Fr Tony Pazhayakalam  
Rosary begins at 2.25 p.m.
- 5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral) attended by new members of the Friends of Wells Cathedral
- 6.00 p.m. **Taste and See**: Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

### 9 TUESDAY

- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral), attended by the new teachers and staff from Wells Cathedral School

### 10 WEDNESDAY

- 10.00 a.m. **Eucharist** (Common Worship Order I, Traditional)
- 5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

### 11 THURSDAY

- 1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital**, David Hill MBE, Organist and Conductor
- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral, conducted by David Hill MBE)

### 12 FRIDAY

- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)
- 7.30 p.m. **Concert: The Sixteen**

### 13 SATURDAY: John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

- 8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
- 1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert**: Horizons Choir, Bath
- 5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Vicars Choral)

### 14 SUNDAY: HOLY CROSS DAY

- 8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (BCP), Quire/Presbytery
- 10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral with Wells Cathedral School Chapel Choir)  
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*
- 3.00 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † celebrating Pilgrimage (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)  
Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean*