

The Chapter Letter

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28 September 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 180 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Chancellor*, is preaching at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee today. We pray that both she and the community will be blessed by their time together.

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.

The Canon Precentor writes: Following a thorough recruitment process, we are pleased to announce the appointments of Tim Jones as Head Virger and David Lawlor as Deputy Head Virger at Wells Cathedral. Both demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism throughout the selection process, and we look forward to the Virgers' team continuing to thrive under their leadership.

Grand Organ Project: We are delighted to share that the first phase of our long-awaited Grand Organ refurbishment will begin in January. After years of dedicated service - and with our talented organists often masking the instrument's growing faults - it has become clear that urgent action is needed to preserve this vital part of our Cathedral's musical life. Specialist restorers Harrison and Harrison will soon begin the careful process of removing, repairing, and restoring all 5000 pipes, along with overhauling the console, pedals and stops. Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Wells Cathedral and a private donor, we are off to a strong start, but further funds are needed to complete this ambitious project. Please look out for details of our upcoming fundraising campaign, and thank you for your continued support as we work to safeguard the future of music at Wells Cathedral.

From the Dean: We are delighted to mark that we now have 400 volunteers at the Cathedral. Thank you to each of them and to Ruth and Michelle in the Volunteer Services Department for their work in supporting all who volunteer at Wells Cathedral. We remain committed, as part of our strategy, to raising the number of volunteers to over 450.

If you'd like to volunteer, or find out more about all the volunteering opportunities, then please email volunteers@wellscathedral.org.uk or call 01749 832217.

Installation of Prebendaries: Edward Baynton-Coward, Caroline Mason, Tracey Staples and Alison Vercoe will be installed as members of the College of Canons on **Tuesday 30 September** at 5.15 p.m. during Choral Evensong. We pray for God's blessing on each of them in their ministry. Please do come and support them if you are able. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please reply to office@wellscathedral.org.uk if you are able to attend.

Lunchtime Concerts: Join the LLH Trio, for a lunchtime concert at 1.05 p.m. on **Thursday 2 October**. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Visiting Choir: On **Friday 3 October**, the Chamber Choir of King's College, Taunton, will be singing at Choral Evensong. The Chamber Choir are a smaller group of singers than the College Chapel Choir and learn both sacred and secular music. They are comfortable with such pieces as Wesley's "Thou wilt keep him in Perfect Peace" and "Wannabe – a Spice Girls' madrigal". This flexible approach means that they are much in demand in school and in the local area. Made up of all year groups at the school, they pride themselves on an inclusive approach and excellent musicality.

Wells Art Contemporary: From **Wednesday 8 October to Saturday 1 November**, you can enjoy an international exhibition of innovative contemporary art in the stunning setting of Wells Cathedral. The exhibition features works across painting, sculpture, photography, digital media, textiles, and more, divided between an extensive white-wall exhibition in the Cloisters and many installations around the building itself.

Kaleidoscope Chamber Project: On **Thursday 9 October**, the Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective will be giving a concert at The Cedars Hall. They describe themselves as a "flexible ensemble of wonderful, joyful, kind, passionate musicians who can't wait to share chamber music with you". What they modestly don't say is that Kaleidoscope is a sparky, shape-shifting line-up of some of the most starry young musicians in the country. Tickets, priced at £25, can be purchased via The Cedars website:

<https://booking.cedarshallwells.co.uk/en/buyingflow/tickets/14456/16187/#tixsp>

Baby Loss Awareness Week: We will be marking Baby Loss Awareness Week with a short service of reflection and prayer for those who have been affected at 6.30 p.m. on **Friday 10 October**.

Harvest Festival: Please join us for our Harvest Cathedral Eucharist on **Sunday 12 October**. Everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food items to support those in need. All donations will go to local food banks and charities. Please give generously in support of this worthwhile cause.

An invitation to join the Schools and Community Remembrance Exhibition: Schools and community groups are invited to contribute to a Remembrance Exhibition which will be on display in the Chapter House from **Monday 3 – Sunday 30 November**.

Please contact education@wellscathedral.org.uk as soon as possible to reserve a free exhibition space and to receive more detailed information.

Save the Date: On **Tuesday 11 November**, there will be a special Evensong and reception to mark the start of COP30, the UN's annual climate change conference. More details coming soon!

SOUP! The latest Wells SOUP event, held on Saturday 6 September, drew over 100 attendees and received high praise, including from Somerset's High Sheriff Janet Montgomery, who plans to promote it county-wide. Four local organisations presented their causes, ranging from Coxley School PTA, Friends of Mendip Hospital Cemetery, Children's Hospice South West and Wells Almshouses. Children's Hospice South West received the most votes and half the available funds, while the other groups shared the remainder. All benefited from increased visibility. The next SOUP is scheduled for **Saturday 13 December** at 1.00 p.m.

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>

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.

29 MONDAY: Michael and All Angels

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Wells Cathedral School

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

30 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** with the Collation and Installation of
Prebendaries (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

1 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

2 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** LLH Trio

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

3 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Chamber Choir of King's College, Taunton)

4 SATURDAY: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

2.00 p.m. **Readers' Service**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

5 SUNDAY: THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*

Save the date: Please note that there will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday 16 November** at 4.00 p.m., after Choral Evensong. We hope that many of you will be able to attend.