

# The Chapter Letter

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 5 October 2025



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 182 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is presiding and preaching at St Mary Magdalene Church, Ditchet today. We pray that both he 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.

**Cider and Cheese Festival:** An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Cider and Cheese Festival last weekend! From the brilliant Events team for their planning and organisation, to the tireless work of the Virgers, the Yard Team and work teams on the day - and every volunteer who played a part - this was truly a team effort. It was a joy to see the Cathedral filled with people, from locals to visitors from abroad, many stepping into the building for the first time. The atmosphere was full of warmth, welcome and community spirit.

Thank you again to all who made the day so special. It was a celebration not just of cider and cheese — but of community, tradition, and shared joy.

**Text of sermons:** The texts of many sermons preached at the Cathedral Eucharist are now available on the Cathedral website: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/talks-and-sermons>  
Please note that some preachers use cue cards and so a transcript is not always available.

**West Front Project:** After a summer of conservation work, the scaffolding on the West Front has now come down. Cliveden Conservation's Bath team have carefully cleaned and repaired the sculpture and stonework, documenting historic paint traces and earlier repairs as part of the Cathedral's ongoing conservation story. Repairs were mainly carried out using traditional lime and sand mortar, with new stone carved where necessary by skilled stonemasons. Among them was Wells resident Sam Peacock, who trained with Wells Cathedral Stonemasons based in Cheddar. The team also included experienced conservators, a newly qualified stonemason from Bath College, and was led by Berenice Humphreys. This phase continued work on the central upper levels of the West Front, following the

earlier pilot phase. We hope future phases will allow us to build on this important conservation effort. Sincere thanks to everyone involved.

**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.

**Organ Recital:** The next lunchtime organ recital will take place on **Thursday 9 October** at 1.05 p.m., and will be given by Joseph Wicks, Organist and Tenor in *The Gesualdo Six*. 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 Canon Precentor writes:** On **Wednesday 8 October**, from 2.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m., there will be a meeting in the Education Room for volunteers who assist at the Cathedral Eucharist. If you are interested in reading or interceding, serving or chalice bearing, please do come along and learn about what the various roles entail.

**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.

**Taste and See:** 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 13 October** at 6.00 p.m. in the Lady Chapel.

**Dedication Festival:** On **Wednesday 15 October**, the Cathedral Choir will be singing Choral Evensong live on BBC Radio 3. They will be performing works by Anton Bruckner, Kenneth Leighton and Sarah MacDonald, with a newly-composed anthem by Matthew Martin and the Finale from Florence Price's Organ Sonata in D minor as the voluntary. You are invited to join us for this service, which will take place in the Quire at the earlier time of 3.00 p.m. All members of the congregation must be seated by 2.45 p.m. so please arrive in good time. Later that day, the Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing for the Dedication Festival Eucharist which will be held at 6.00 p.m.

**A final call to join the Schools and Community Remembrance Exhibition:** We still have a few spaces left for schools and community groups to

take part in a Remembrance Exhibition which will be on display in the Cathedral from **3 – 30 November**. We invite groups to design an exhibition board (or boards), each of which will be placed in its own niche in the Chapter House.

The only restrictions are on size and type of board (details can be sent out on request). Displays can be 2- or 3-D and can include text, artwork or a combination of both.

If you'd like your group to be part of the exhibition, please contact [education@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@wellscathedral.org.uk) by 9 October to reserve your free space and to receive more detailed information.

**Save the Dates:** 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!

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.

**Cathedral Safeguarding Advisor:** Wells Cathedral is seeking a committed Safeguarding Advisor to champion best practice across our community. Working 18 hours a week, the Advisor will be the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns, liaising with the Diocesan team and supporting staff and volunteers. For further information, please visit the Cathedral website:

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/your-cathedral/vacancies>

**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 October, the focus is on the Bath and Wells Diocese Mothers' Union which is a vibrant community organization focused on strengthening marriage and family life through prayer, support and various community projects.

**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.

**6 MONDAY:** William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

### 7 TUESDAY

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

### 8 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

### 9 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Organ Recital:** Joseph Wicks, Organist and Tenor in *The Gesualdo Six*

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

**10 FRIDAY:** Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644

12 noon **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of Barbara Dickinson in the Quire

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

6.30 p.m. **Baby Loss Awareness Service**

### 11 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.00 p.m. **Wedding Service** in the Quire

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** celebrating the work of The Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust

### 12 SUNDAY: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

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

Preacher: The Reverend Sally Wright, *Priest Vicar*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (In Ecclesia)

Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean*