

The Chapter Letter

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 12 October 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 184 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.

Wells Art Contemporary: Until **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.

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 tomorrow, **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.

Lunchtime Concert: Join Opus 4 for a Lunchtime Concert at Wells Cathedral on **Thursday 16 October**. Opus 4's musicians come from Somerset, Bristol and Gloucestershire and they have been performing together since 2022. Their repertoire spans over 400 years of music, from the early renaissance to baroque, contemporary, swing, traditional, and African music. A typical Opus4 concert showcases many different musical styles and up to 30 different recorders, as well as other instruments such as drum, rainstick or bamboo pipes. Their

lunchtime concert in Wells will feature a programme of moving and uplifting music from around the world. Entry included with admission: there will be a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Capture the Cathedral in a drawing: On **Saturday 25 October** from 10.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m., the Cathedral and Wells Art Contemporary invite visitors of all ages and abilities to collect art materials and capture the Cathedral in a drawing! Whether it is a carving or window, an artwork or the organ, enjoy taking time in this wonderful space to focus in and create your own piece of art. And afterwards, if you'd like, submit your drawing to an online exhibition by allowing us to take a copy of your finished piece. More details on the day!

Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society: Träume und Trost: On **Saturday 25 October**, join the Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society and the Southern Sinfonia and step into a world where longing meets solace and where music transforms sorrow into transcendence. This evocative program pairs Richard Wagner's *Wesendonck Lieder* — five intimate songs of dreamlike yearning and unspoken passion — with Johannes Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, a monumental choral masterpiece offering comfort and hope in the face of loss. United, these works explore the deepest facets of the human experience: love and farewell, mourning and renewal, darkness and radiance. From Wagner's tender whispers of desire and resignation to Brahms' sweeping vision of consolation, this concert invites you on a journey beyond time, where music speaks when words fall silent — and where, even in grief, love remains. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wcos-traume-und-trost-brahms-requiem-tickets-1667382880079?aff=oddtcreator>

Family Holiday Activities

Take inspiration from Wells Art Contemporary installations in the Cathedral with these creative drop-in workshops for families:

Monday 27 October - *Branching Out*

Explore relationships between humans and trees with 2D and 3D art

Tuesday 28 October - *Willow and Windows*

Create a willow framed suncatcher

Wednesday 29 October - *Decorate a Deck*

Design a deck and create your own mini skateboard model

For further information, visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/visit/families>

The holiday activities are FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

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.

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>

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, Patricia Hellier, Reverend Rosey Lunn, 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 on 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.

13 MONDAY: Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer** in Vicars' Close Chapel

6.00 p.m. **Taste and See:** Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

14 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)

15 WEDNESDAY: Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

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

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** broadcast live on BBC Radio 3
(Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Please be seated by 2.45 p.m.

6.00 p.m. **Festal Eucharist** † (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)
Preacher: The Reverend Professor David Fergusson OBE

16 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Opus 4 Recorder Ensemble

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Song Squad)

17 FRIDAY: Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c. 107

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

18 SATURDAY: Luke the Evangelist

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

2.00 p.m. **Diocesan Confirmation Service**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)

19 SUNDAY: THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)
Preacher: The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub Dean*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*