

The Chapter Letter

The Third Sunday Before Advent: Remembrance Sunday Sunday 9 November 2025



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Twenty First Sunday after Trinity begin on page 190 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.

Clemmie's Choir Tour Fundraising Cake Sale: Feeling peckish? Please join us for coffee and cake after the Cathedral Eucharist today! The Cathedral Choir is excited to be going on Tour to Tuscany after Easter, and each of the Choristers is asked to find a way to raise £200 towards the cost of the Tour. Clemmie, one of our Year 9 Choristers, has been making and selling cake to fundraise. Please do join us in the North Transept for coffee and cake or, if you're not able to stay, grab a cake to take home! Thank you for supporting us, and we look forward to seeing you all after the service.

Remembrance at Wells Cathedral: 1945 – 2025

Duruflé Requiem for Remembrance Sunday: This afternoon at 3.00 p.m., the Cathedral Choir will join with Wells Cathedral School Chamber Choir to offer a devotional performance of Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, interspersed with readings, and with the now familiar and much appreciated 'poppy drop'. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral.

Talk: Emperor Haile Selassie I in Bath and Wells: His Journey, His Faith: Join us on **Wednesday 12 November** at 7.00 p.m. for a talk exploring Emperor Haile Selassie I's time in exile and his connection to Wells Cathedral.

Professor Shawn Sobers will speak on the Ethiopian Orthodox Church's influence in Christianity. Ras Benji will share insights into the Emperor's life in Bath and Wells, and Paula Ogun Hector will contribute reflections from her work on Black British heritage.

Admission is free, and limited tickets available through Eventbrite.

Workshop: Woven Stories: On **Monday 17 November** at 2.00 p.m., join members of the Cathedral community for Woven Stories, a creative mixed-media workshop inspired by the Tapestry of Black Britons. Doors open at 1.30 p.m. for a chance to meet artist and curator Paula Ogun Hector. Admission is free, and limited tickets in advance are available via Eventbrite.

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 10 November**, at 6.00 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. Please note that the December Taste and See will take place on **Monday 1 December**.

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. Br Sam, a Franciscan brother of the Society of St Francis, and Ned Remington, an official observer at the COP29 Climate Summit in Baku last November, will speak at the reception. Wine will be served and donations are warmly invited to help cover the cost.

On **Sunday 16 November**, Choral Evensong will mark the work of Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support. Refreshments will be available after Evensong, prior to the Congregational Meeting. We hope that many of you will be able to attend both Choral Evensong and the Congregational Meeting.

On **Sunday 14 December**, the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion congregation are invited to stay for coffee, tea and croissants after the service. We hope that you will enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Organ Recital: The next lunchtime Organ Recital will take place on **Thursday 13 November** at 1.05 p.m., and will be given by David Bednall, highly acclaimed organist, conductor and composer. 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

Wells Relaxed Networking Breakfast: Mogers Drewett are hosting another free Networking Breakfast on **Thursday 13 November** 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 via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wells-relaxed-networking-breakfast-tickets-1437490305199?aff=oddtcreator>

Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Friends of Wells Cathedral: An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 15 November** at 11.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel. Friends should have received a notice of this event and the agenda for the meeting contains two main items, the election of a new Chairman and the Grand Organ Appeal. 15 November will follow the same pattern as Friends' Day and will include a lunch and free tours for Friends of Wells Cathedral. New Friends are always welcome and you can join online on the Friends website: www.wellsfriends.org/about/

William Newton Newey, Friends Secretary.

Armonico Consort presents: Karl Jenkins, The Armed Man: Join us on **Thursday 20 November** at 7.00 p.m. in Wells Cathedral for a powerful

performance of *The Armed Man*, Karl Jenkins' moving work for peace. To book tickets, please use the Eventbrite website:

<https://Armonico-ArmedMan-WellsCathedral.eventbrite.co.uk>

An Evening of Pink Floyd: On Friday 21 and Saturday 22 November at 7.30 p.m., join Let Me In Presents for their brand new production, *An Evening of Pink Floyd*. Tickets are now available: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-pink-floyd-at-wells-cathedral-tickets-1320567335449>

Lecture - Sources of Unity, from Daily Prayer to the Sunday Creed: All are warmly invited to a lecture being organised by the Canon Chancellor at 6.00 p.m. on **Tuesday 25 November** at Wells Cathedral. The World Council of Churches European President, The Reverend Dr Susan Durber, will be speaking about the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and what it means for us today. No ticket is needed. The lecture will follow immediately after Evensong, which takes place at 5.15 p.m. Post-lecture refreshments are available from The Loft (either eat in or take away) and should be pre-booked using this link, please: <https://pre-advent-retreat-eveningrefreshments.eventbrite.co.uk>

Advent Sharing and Celebration: You are invited to join in an Advent Celebration and time of sharing on **Monday 1 December** from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. This will take place in the Chapter Room and will be led by the Dean and the Reverend Mary Lewis. Together we will reflect on the meaning of Advent through art, music, poems and prose. There is no need to bring anything. Coffee and mince pies will be served at the beginning. As there is limited space, please email Jonathan Rodd if you wish to reserve a place: jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk

Mary Lewis (Priest Vicar)

'Last Things' in Advent: In former times, the great preaching themes of Advent were Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. Nowadays, the build-up to Christmas seems to predominate, and the traditional penitential mood of the season all too soon gives way to the brightness of Christmas. Yet we are reminded, in Scripture and in Advent hymns, to prepare, not just for Christmas, but for the end of our lives, and for the coming of Christ at the end of time – to be mindful of death.

Here at Wells Cathedral, 'Last Things' will offer four sessions on Monday afternoons, beginning on **Monday 1 December** from 3.30 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. exploring themes such as '*Living with a sense of our mortality*', '*Putting our affairs in order*', '*Preparing for a good death*', and thinking about '*What comes next – heaven or hell?*' Each session begins with tea and cake, followed by short talks, discussion and prayer. There will be some visiting speakers to help with our thinking. For further information, please call Reverend Rosey Lunn (07786 118762). To reserve a place, please email Jonathan Rodd: jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk

Rosey Lunn (Priest Vicar)

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.
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10 MONDAY: Ralph of Shrewsbury

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

11 TUESDAY: Armistice Day

10.45 a.m. **Armistice Act of Remembrance**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral) followed by a Reception to mark the start of COP30

12 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

13 THURSDAY

8.30 a.m. **Wells Relaxed Networking Breakfast**, The Loft

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital**, David Bednall

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

14 FRIDAY

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

15 SATURDAY

11.00 a.m. **Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Friends of Wells Cathedral**, Lady Chapel

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choralia, Wells Cathedral School)

16 SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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

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

Preacher: The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*

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

Preacher: The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*

4.15 p.m. **Congregational Meeting**