

# The Chapter Letter

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday  
Sunday 15 March 2026



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Lent begin on page 91 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. 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.

**Lent Talks:** These will look at different types of prayer and ways of praying. Sessions will begin with refreshments in the Education Room after Evening Prayer, with the talks starting at 6.15 p.m., and aiming to finish by 7.45 p.m. at the latest:

**18 March** - Contemplative Prayer The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*

**25 March** - Prayer in times of need The Reverend Prebendary Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*

**Stations of the Cross:** Please do join us **on Fridays at 12.05 p.m.** during Lent to spend some time in prayer and meditation as we walk the Stations of the Cross, led by one of the Cathedral's ministry team. The Stations of the Cross have formed part of Christian devotion for many centuries because they offer a particularly vivid way of following in the steps of Jesus on the way to the Cross. Please do join us if you can.

**Cathedral Prayer List:** On Easter Sunday we will remove all names from the Cathedral Prayer list. If you, or somebody you know, wishes us to continue to pray for them, please inform the Virgers before Easter Sunday, and we will ensure that your names are kept on the list, and that we continue to pray for you.

**Sad News:** Ross Young passed away on Tuesday 3 March. His funeral will take place in the Cathedral on **Wednesday 25 March at 2.30 p.m.**

**Healing Prayer Ministry:** In this Diocesan Year of Prayer, we are hoping to grow a team to offer prayer ministry after the Cathedral Eucharist. We begin with a taster session on prayer on **Monday 16 March 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** in the Education Room. You are invited to come and explore prayer as listening, presence, and relationship with God. The session will include short reflections, simple prayer practices, and space for quiet personal reflection. This will be an opportunity to explore and discern your own prayer life.

Following the taster session, you may like to go on to explore how prayer for one another can be a ministry of transformation and healing, how to offer it safely, how to listen well to God, to ourselves, to one another. There will be two days of training as part of a wider discernment process, in the Education Room, on **Saturday 11 April and Friday 17 April, 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.**, led by the Reverend Prebendary Narinder Tegally and Caroline Bruce. For more information or to book a place please email [Caroline.bruce@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:Caroline.bruce@bathwells.anglican.org) or phone 07891 645034.

**An invitation to meet with The Reverend Canon Robert Wright LVO:**

On **Thursday 19 March** at **2.30 p.m.** in Wells Town Hall, The Reverend Canon Robert Wright will be speaking about his work as an artist. Robert is an Anglican priest who seeks to explore spirituality through the medium of abstract paintings. His paintings are held in private collections throughout the UK, France, Holland and America. His website contains further information: <https://robertwrightartist.co.uk/>  
If you would like to attend, or would like further information, please email Wendy Haslam: [pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk) Refreshments will be served after the talk.

**Primary Schools' Outreach Celebration Concert:** Please join us in the Nave at **1.05 p.m. on Friday 20 March**. For the last few months, the Cathedral's Director of Primary School Musical Outreach, Alexander Jenkins, has been working with choirs of children in local schools. These children will join together, alongside the Cathedral's Junior Choristers, to give this very special concert as a culmination of all their hard work. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass.

**Durufle Requiem and Haydn Nelson Mass:** These works will be performed in the Cathedral on **Saturday 21 March** by Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society starting at **7.00 p.m.**. Durufle's *Requiem* offers a deeply intimate meditation on peace, comfort, and eternal rest. Haydn's *Nelson Mass (Missa in Angustiis)* in contrast bursts with drama and jubilant energy. Tickets are available at <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on?event=102082043>

**Searching Scripture: The Annunciation in the Feminine:** On **Monday 23 March** at **7.00 p.m.** The Reverend Sally Wright will be hosting a session for women only considering the story of the Annunciation in the feminine. This will take place in The Education Room. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Sally at [sally.wright@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:sally.wright@wellscathedral.org.uk)

**Sue Jones:** There will be a Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral for the life of Sue Jones on **Thursday 26 March** at 2.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**The Reverend David Wilcox:** David's funeral service will take place on **Tuesday 31 March** at 2.00 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wendover. This will be a Requiem Eucharist and will be preceded by a Cremation Service for family and close friends at 11.30 a.m. We keep David in our prayers and also Alison and all members of their families.

**Vacancies on the Cathedral Safeguarding Advisory Panel:** The Chapter are looking for independent lay members with significant professional experience in safeguarding to join CSAP, which is the committee responsible for providing strategic oversight and assurance for safeguarding across the Cathedral. Further details are available on the website: [wellscathedral.org.uk/vacancies](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/vacancies)

**Easter Lilies:** Each year, Easter lilies brighten the Cathedral as we celebrate the joy of Easter. On Easter Sunday dozens of beautiful white lilies will once again be arranged throughout the Cathedral. If you would like to make a gift towards the purchase of Easter lilies, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please collect a form from the table in the North Transept.

**Appeal for Easter Posies:** As is tradition in the Cathedral, on Easter morning, we normally decorate the Easter cross with posies of colourful spring flowers to represent new life. This year, we would be very grateful if members of the congregation would bring in posies before the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP, the 9.30 a.m. Choral Matins and 11.00 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist services, to be included in the floral display at the base of the already decorated cross.

Baskets will be placed at the base of the cross for you to leave your posies to enhance the display.

**‘Teach us to pray’ Week of Guided Prayer Sunday 31 May – Sunday 7 June:**

Discover a joyful, refreshing way to deepen your life of prayer in our Cathedral, with daily (Monday to Friday) one to one support from trained accompaniers joining us from around the country at an agreed time through the week. This will give space for simple, personal reflection: you will explore new ways of praying and notice God’s presence woven through everyday life. Many Pilgrims speak of renewed clarity, peace, and companionship; an enriching spiritual journey open to all, whatever your experience of prayer. For more information pick up a letter from the table in the North Transept, or speak to the Dean or Caroline Byrne.

**Year of Prayer Retreat:** As part of the Year of Prayer the Dean will be leading a Retreat to the Sisters at Ty Mawr Convent in Wales <https://tymawrconvent.org/about-us/> from **Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 October**. This will give time for space and reflection together. If you might be interested there will be 6 spaces (possibly slightly more if a couple wish to come). The cost will be £150.

For more information please speak to the Dean, or to book please email [office@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@wellscathedral.org.uk)

**Suggestion Box:** To help us continue improving every aspect of life at Wells Cathedral - for our visitors and our worshipping community - we have introduced a Suggestion Box, placed on the table near the Virgers’ Vestry. If you have a constructive idea to share, please jot it down on one of the cards provided and place it in the box. Thank you for helping us care for, and strengthen, this special place.

**Breakfast menu at The Loft:** The Loft have launched a new breakfast menu packed with fresh, delicious options to fuel your day. The menu includes: toast with butter, scrambled eggs on toast, scrambled eggs and smoked salmon on toast, breakfast sandwiches, avocado on toast, breakfast pastries and granola fruit pots.

**Pastoral Care:** The Cathedral Pastoral Care team comprises: Wendy Haslam (Pastoral Care Coordinator), Caroline Byrne, Kate Day, Patricia Hellier, Reverend Rosey Lunn, Lissy Manners, William Newton Newey, 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 Jill Edmonds, Cathedral Safeguarding Advisor,  
01749 674483, [jill.edmonds@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:jill.edmonds@wellscathedral.org.uk)  
or 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,  
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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.

#### 16 MONDAY

8.50 a.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** attended by The Bishop of Bath and Wells and partners in Diocesan Safeguarding (Vicars Choral)

**17 TUESDAY:** Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c. 460

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

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Sherborne Boys Chamber Choir and Sherborne Girls Madrigal Society)

6.15 p.m. **Lent Talk:** 'Contemplative Prayer', led by the Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*, in the Education Room

#### 19 THURSDAY: Joseph of Nazareth

11.30 a.m. **Mothers' Union Prayers** in the Lady Chapel

1.05 p.m. **Eucharist** attended by members of Chapter

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

**20 FRIDAY:** Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

12.05 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Primary School Music Outreach

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

**21 SATURDAY:** Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

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

7.00 p.m. **Concert:** Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society presents Duruflé's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*

**22 SUNDAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: *Passiontide begins***

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

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

Preacher: The Reverend Sally Wright, *Priest Vicar*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** with the Legal Service and Presentation of the High Sheriff of Somerset (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Song Squad and Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)

Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean*

6.30 p.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**