

The Chapter Letter

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22 March 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Lent begin on page 94 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.

Holy Week and Easter Services: Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday, 29 March**, when we will gather outside the Cathedral at the beginning of the 10.30 a.m. Eucharist (weather permitting!) to bless this year's Palm Crosses and to begin our journey with Jesus into Jerusalem and towards his Cross and Passion.

We are delighted that the Reverend Dr Kate Bruce, Chaplain of St John's College, Cranmer Hall at Durham University will be preaching at Evensong on Palm Sunday and at the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, then leading the Good Friday devotion, and preaching for a final time for us on Easter Sunday evening.

The services through Holy Week will be as follows:

Sunday 29 March	10.30 a.m.	Cathedral Eucharist
	3.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong
Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 1 April		
	5.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong
Thursday 2 April	7.30 p.m.	Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper
Friday 3 April	12 noon	Three Hours' Devotion
Saturday 4 April	7.30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Easter Day	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
(Sunday 5 April)	9.30 a.m.	Festal Matins
	11.00 a.m.	Cathedral Eucharist
	3.00 p.m.	Festal Evensong

Lent Talks: The final session exploring different types of prayer and ways of praying will take place at 6.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 25 March** in the Education Room. The Reverend Prebendary Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*, will be exploring 'Prayer in Times of Need'.

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.

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

Sue Jones: Many of you will remember Sue Jones as one of our regular worshippers in the Cathedral and a great supporter of all the Cathedral music. Her family have planned a celebration of her life to take place in the Quire of the Cathedral on **Thursday 26 March at 2.30 p.m.** They hope the music will express all that Sue loved about the Cathedral. Refreshments will follow.

Lent Lunch: The final Christian Aid Lent Lunch will be held in the Seager Hall in Union Street on **Friday 27 March** between 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. Many thanks to those who helped with a previous lunch which raised £204. Funds raised will support the work of Christian Aid in Kenya.

Armonico Consort presents: St Matthew Passion: On Friday 27 March at 7.00 p.m., Armonico Consort's finest soloists, chorus and period instruments will explore the intense emotions and humanity of the Passion of Christ as depicted in J. S. Bach's masterpiece. To book tickets, please visit:
<https://Armonico-StMatthewPassion-WellsCathedral2026.eventbrite.co.uk>

Lunchtime Concert: On **Saturday 28 March at 1.05 p.m.,** join the Cheddar Valley Singers for a lunchtime concert in the Nave of Wells Cathedral. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

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.

Bereaved Friends Group (BFG): This small, informal, friendly and supportive group meets on the first Wednesday morning of each month, from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon, in the Ken Biggs room (just off the Cathedral Undercroft). New members welcome. A safe and reassuring space in the company of others who understand.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 1 April.**

For further information please contact The Reverend Rosey Lunn 07786 118762 rosemarylunn39@gmail.com

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: Please note that as is tradition in the Cathedral, on Easter morning, we 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 their 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 flower decorated cross.

Baskets will be placed on a table at the front left of the Nave for you to please leave your posies. The flower arrangers will then dress the cross in readiness for the service. Many thanks.

Called to Pray: Our next session for all who feel drawn to the ministry of prayer will take place on **Saturday 11 April**, at **Flourish House**, from **9.30 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.** **Please note this is a change of venue.** If you are interested but unable to attend on this date, or if you would like to explore how this ministry might sit alongside your current commitments, Caroline Bruce or The Reverend Prebendary Narinder Tegally would be very glad to talk with you. Their contact details are:

Caroline Bruce – caroline.bruce@bathwells.anglican.org 07891645034

Narinder Tegally – narinder.tegally@nhs.net 07940 580859

Songs of Travel: On **Saturday 25 April** at 7.00 p.m., Vicar Choral William Drakett and pianist Benjamin Mead will be giving a concert in the North Transept. The music will include Ralph Vaughan Williams' Songs of Travel and Steven Mark Kohn's set of American Folk Song arrangements. More information available at www.wellscathedral.org.uk/events Tickets may be purchased using the following link: <https://williamdrakett.sumupstore.com/>

'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.

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 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

or 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.

23 MONDAY

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

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

24 TUESDAY:

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Wells Cathedral Song Squad and Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)

7.30 p.m. **Millfield School's Annual Wells Cathedral Concert**

25 WEDNESDAY: ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

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

6.15 p.m. **Lent Talk:** 'Prayer in Times of Need', led by the Reverend Prebendary Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*, in the Education Room

26 THURSDAY

2.30 p.m. **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of Sue Jones

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

27 FRIDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

7.00 p.m. **Concert:** Armonico Consort presents J. S. Bach's *St Matthew Passion*

28 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Cheddar Valley Singers

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)

29 SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** with Palm Procession (Great Choir)

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

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Kate Bruce, *Chaplain of St John's College, Cranmer Hall at Durham University*

STOP PRESS: On **Friday 17 April**, Dean Toby will be doing a Fire Walk to raise funds for SWEDA, Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorder Association.

If you would like to sponsor him, please use the link to his JustGiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/toby-wright-1?newPage=true>

If you can, please share this fundraising link to help Dean Toby reach more people and get to his goal of £500.



