

The Chapter Letter

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29 March 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Sunday Next Before Easter begin on page 95 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, will be preaching at Evensong on Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 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

The Revd Dr Kate Bruce, Station Chaplain at RAF Cranwell, is an RAF chaplain with a background in English teaching and ordained ministry in Ripon and Durham. She holds a PhD in homiletics from Durham and is author of Igniting the Heart, as well as co-author of the two-volume Out of the Shadows on preaching women of the Bible. She has served as chaplain to three Durham colleges, been tutor in Homiletics and Deputy Warden at Cranmer Hall, and helped establish the Durham Preaching Conferences. Alongside her ministry and academic work, she has also written and performed stand-up comedy, including at the Edinburgh Fringe.

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.

The Reverend David Wilcox: David served for many years as Priest Vicar here at the Cathedral and his ministry touched many lives. His 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 live-streamed. You can watch the service using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/blsXg4go-0k> The link will stay live for some time afterwards. There will be 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. Because of his significant contribution to the life of the Cathedral community, we invite any who wish to record their recollections and appreciation in a book of condolence, on the table opposite the Virgers' Office.

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.

Valerie Marsh: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Valerie Marsh in Wells Cathedral at **10.00 a.m.** on **Friday 10 April**. This will be followed by a reception at St George's Care Home in Weston-super-Mare (BS22 7AA).

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.

Caroline Bruce – caroline.bruce@bathwells.anglican.org 07891 645034

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 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.

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

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 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.

30 MONDAY of Holy Week

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong with Address** (Decani Vicars Choral)

6.00 p.m. **Lenten Organ Meditation:** Carolyn Craig, *Assistant Director of Music*, plays Dupre's *Symphonie-Passion, Op. 23*

31 TUESDAY of Holy Week

10.00 a.m. **Diocesan Chrism Eucharist** with the Blessing of the Oils and Renewal of Commitment to Ministry

Preacher: The Right Reverend Fiona Gibson, *Bishop of Taunton*

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong with Address** (Cantoris Vicars Choral)

1 WEDNESDAY of Holy Week

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

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

2 THURSDAY: MAUNDY THURSDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

7.30 p.m. **Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

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

3 FRIDAY: GOOD FRIDAY

12.00 noon **Three Hours' Devotion** (final hour with the Great Choir)

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

4 SATURDAY: EASTER EVE

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

7.30 p.m. **Easter Vigil** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

5 SUNDAY: EASTER DAY

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

9.30 a.m. **Festal Matins** † (Great Choir)

11.00 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** † (Great Choir)

Preacher: The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, *Bishop of Bath and Wells*

3.00 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Great Choir)

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