

The Chapter Letter

Easter Day

Sunday 5 April 2026



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**The Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral
send warmest wishes for a joyful Eastertide.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in our worship over the course of Holy Week and all who will be involved today; to all who have worked, and continue to work, so hard behind the scenes to make our celebration of Easter a special occasion for all. Each of you in your own way helps to weave the beauty and reverence that make our celebration of the Queen of Feasts a true celebration of light and hope. May this season of 50 days bring you peace, renewal, and boundless joy. As Catherine of Siena reminds us, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

Easter Day Services:

- 8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion BCP**, Quire/Presbytery
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Easter Day begin on page 128 of the Book of Common Prayer.
- 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*

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 welcome to stay and enjoy time together over Prosecco and soft drinks after the Cathedral Eucharist, where there are Welcomers available - please do seek them out if you have questions or simply to chat.



Easter Crafts for Families: Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 April, 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Keep young minds busy during the Easter Holidays with our fun-filled range of hands-on creative family activities.

Wednesday 8 April: Cross Creations

Collect beads on our Easter crosses trail and make a necklace or keyring.

Thursday 9 April: Glorious Gardens

Discover the Easter story as you follow our Cathedral map, then make an Easter garden.

Monday 13 April: Spring into Life

Easter egg and flower themed crafts to welcome in the spring.

Tuesday 14 April: Sowing Seeds

Decorate an egg, make an egg box chicken and plant seeds to make a cress head.

Included with admission to the Cathedral. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Families can also follow our Easter Egg Trail throughout the Easter holidays. (Please check www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on/easter-holidays for exceptions.)

Confirmation at the Cathedral

The Bishop of Bath and Wells and The Bishop of Taunton will be confirming candidates at **10.30 a.m.** on **Sunday 5 July** during the Cathedral Eucharist.

If you or someone you know is interested in being confirmed, or even in finding out what it means, do please speak to the Dean or the Precentor.

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.** 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

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 13 April**, at **6.00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel. If you are just coming for the meditation, please enter via the North Door.

Lunchtime Piano Recital: On **Friday 17 April** at **1.05 p.m.** Brandon Roku Ali will give a lunchtime piano recital in the Nave of Wells Cathedral. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Firewalk on Cathedral Green for SWEDA: On **Friday 17 April**, there will be a Firewalk for SWEDA (South and West Eating Disorders Association) on Cathedral Green. The fire will be lit at approximately 6.00 p.m., as participants arrive. They will then undergo a briefing from the Firewalk UK team, followed by the Firewalk at **8.00 p.m.** There will be a raffle, live entertainment from a samba band and a Rock Choir and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Dean Toby will be taking part in the Firewalk. 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>

Sounds Joyful Community Sing: On **Monday 20 April** from **10.45 a.m. until 11.45 a.m.** there will be an engaging and uplifting sound and music session in the Lady Chapel for all abilities. No music experience needed, just come as you are! A donation of £5.00 is suggested to help cover costs.

Wells Relaxed Networking Breakfast: Join Mogers Drewett on **Wednesday 22 April** from **8.30 a.m. until 10.00 a.m.** at The Loft for a chance to connect with local businesses and the local community in a relaxed setting. Tickets are available from Eventbrite:

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

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. 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

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.
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6 MONDAY of Easter Week

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St John's Church, Glastonbury)

7 TUESDAY of Easter Week

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

8 WEDNESDAY of Easter Week

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

9 THURSDAY of Easter Week

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

10 FRIDAY of Easter Week

10.00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of Valerie Marsh

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

11 SATURDAY of Easter Week

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Damian Singers)

12 SUNDAY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Damian Singers)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Chancellor*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Damian Singers)

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*