

The Chapter Letter

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12 April 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the First Sunday after Easter begin on page 136 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.

Easter Family Fun: Hop into the Cathedral this Easter for family fun, crafts and tasty treats!

Easter Egg Trail (28 March until 18 April, 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.)

Follow a colourful trail through the Cathedral, crack clues, discover hidden eggs, solve the Easter puzzle, make your own bunny ears, and finish with a chocolate egg prize.

Children 5–17: £5; Under 5s: £3; Accompanying adults: £15.50

Children accompanied by adult holders of a Cathedral Card, Residents' Pass or Parish Pass: £3

Easter Crafts: Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 April, 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Drop in for creative family activities, from making miniature Easter gardens to cards, decorations, necklaces and keyrings. Included with Cathedral admission. No booking required.

Confirmation at the Cathedral

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.

Choir news: The Cathedral Choir's newsletter for the Epiphany and Lent 2026 terms is now available to view on the Cathedral website. Please do have a look to see what our hard-working Choir have been up to: www.wellscathedral.org.uk/choir-newsletter

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 tomorrow, **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 concert 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 the 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. Expect joyful drumming, singing, sound baths and group rhythm in a welcoming environment. No music experience needed, just come as you are! A donation of £5.00 is suggested to help cover costs.

Lunchtime Organ Recital: On **Thursday 23 April** at **1.05 p.m.**, Dr Anne Lam will be giving an Organ Recital. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

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 and refreshing way to deepen your life of prayer in the Cathedral, with daily (Monday to Friday) one-to-one support from trained accompaniers from around the country, at a time agreed during the week. This offers space for simple, personal reflection, exploring new ways of praying and noticing God's presence woven through everyday life. Many pilgrims speak of renewed clarity, peace and companionship. **With only 17 places remaining**, this enriching spiritual journey is open to all, whatever your experience of prayer.

If you would like to find out more, the Dean and Caroline Byrne will be available on **Sunday 19 April** at **12.15 p.m.**, and would be happy to provide further information and answer any questions you may have.

Year of Prayer Retreat at Ty Mawr Convent (Wales): Step away from the busyness of everyday life and join the Dean for a quiet and prayerful Retreat to the Sisters at Ty Mawr Convent in Wales <https://tymawrconvent.org/about-us/> from **Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 October**. This retreat offers unhurried space for

shared reflection and renewal in a beautiful and prayer-filled setting. Places are very limited – just 6 spaces available (with the possibility of one or two additional places for couples). The cost is £150.

To find out more, please speak to the Dean, or to reserve a place, 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).

Sound of Wells Festival 2026
Wednesday 6 – Sunday 10 May

Over the course of five inspiring days, we invite you to celebrate the rich and vibrant musical life of Wells Cathedral. There will be performances from the Cathedral's choirs and musicians, as well as our many associated ensembles.

Wednesday 6 May

- 1.05 p.m. Lunchtime Concert: Wells Cathedral School Composers
- 5.15 p.m. Choral Evensong: Vicars Choral and Youth Choir
- 8.00 p.m. *The General* (1926) Silent Film with Live Organ Soundtrack

Thursday 7 May

- 11.30 a.m. Mid-Morning Recital: Wells Cathedral Choral Scholars
- 5.15 p.m. Choral Evensong: Wells Cathedral Choir with Song Squad
- 7.00 p.m. Concert: Monteverdi Vespers of 1610 *

* Tickets available through Eventbrite: <https://monteverdivespers-wellscathedral26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Friday 8 May

- 1.05 p.m. Lunchtime Concert: Primary Schools Musical Outreach Celebration
- 5.15 p.m. Choral Evensong: United States 250th Anniversary
- 6.30 p.m. An Evening of Concertos (Cedars Hall)

Saturday 9 May

- 1.05 p.m. Lunchtime Concert: Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society
- 5.15 p.m. Orchestral Evensong

Sunday 10 May

- 10.30 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist featuring New Commission
- 1.05 p.m. Composers' Masterclass (Cedars Hall)
- 3.00 p.m. Festival Evensong: Charles Wood Centenary
- 4.00 p.m. Festival Bellringing

We warmly invite you to join us in this celebration of music, heritage and community.

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.

13 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

6.00 p.m. **Taste and See:** Cathedral Meditation Group in the Lady Chapel

14 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

15 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

16 THURSDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

17 FRIDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Brandon Roku Ali, *piano*

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

8.00 p.m. **Firewalk on Cathedral Green in aid of SWEDA**

18 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

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

19 SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)

Preacher: The Reverend Mary Lewis, *Priest Vicar*

3.00 p.m. **Festal Evensong** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)

Preacher: The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Lynas

STOP PRESS! CIDER AND CHEESE FESTIVAL 2026

Early bird tickets for this year's Cider and Cheese Festival on **Saturday 26 September**, priced £17.50 for adults and £12.50 for 5-18 year olds, are now available. Please visit:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cider-cheese-festival-2026-tickets-1982905387392?aff=erelexpmt