

The Chapter Letter

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19 April 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Second Sunday After Easter begin on page 137 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*, is presiding and preaching at a United Benefice service at St Cuthbert's Church, Wells today. We pray that both he and the two congregations (St Cuthbert and St Mary Magdalene, Wookey Hole) will be blessed by their time together.

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.

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

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.

The Archdeacon of Wells departs: As you know Archdeacon Anne is stepping down from her roles in Bath and Wells. A date for your diary! Anne will be presiding for the last time as Archdeacon at the Cathedral Eucharist on **Sunday 10 May**, and also preaching at Choral Evensong that day. There will be a drinks reception for Anne after Evensong to which you are all warmly invited. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Anne, this can be done in either of the following ways:

- **A BACS transfer (Account: 52164330 Sort code: 60-23-06) ref: Anne Gell**
- **A cheque made out to 'Wells Cathedral', addressed to the Accounts Department ref: Anne Gell**

Please can all contributions be sent by Monday 4 May.

Called to Pray: There has been considerable interest in the *Called to Pray* initiative. Following reflection, it has seemed wise to allow this ministry to develop in an organic and sustainable way, enabling both prayer and relationships to deepen over time. Rather than a single stand-alone event, the training is therefore proposed as a series of fortnightly sessions, offering a more spacious and reflective context in which a community of prayer may be formed.

The sessions are planned for **Thursday afternoons from 2.00–4.30 p.m. during May and June**, with the opportunity to attend **Choral Evensong at 5.15 p.m.** together. The venue will be confirmed shortly. The proposed dates for the sessions are: 14 May, 28 May, 11 June and 25 June.

Those who would like to explore further how this ministry might sit alongside their existing commitments are warmly invited to find out more from Caroline Bruce and The Reverend Prebendary Narinder Tegally. They will be available today, **Sunday 19 April at 12.15 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel, where further information will be shared and questions welcomed.

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

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

Pilgrimage: As part of the year of prayer, we are offering opportunities to experience pilgrimage in different settings. We are looking forward to launching a pilgrim trail around the Cathedral, which can be self-led, but which the Reverend Edward Day will lead on **Friday 15 May at 2.30 p.m.** The Precentor will lead a Forest Pilgrimage on **Thursday 25 June** (or **Wednesday 8 July** if the weather defeats us in June) at **1.00 p.m.** All are welcome to join the Cathedral Pilgrimage, but if you would like to join the Forest Pilgrimage, please email office@wellscathedral.org.uk, so that if we do need to change the date, we can be in touch with you.

Ascension and Pentecost: Sharing and Reflection: You are warmly invited to join an Ascension and Pentecost Sharing and Reflection on **Monday 18 May from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.** in the Education Room. This will be led by the Reverend Mary Lewis, Priest Vicar, and will offer an opportunity to reflect on the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. Those who wish are invited to bring a poem or piece of artwork to share, relating to either or both festivals; artists within the congregation are particularly encouraged to share work of their own if they wish. However, there is no obligation to bring anything - all are welcome simply to come and listen. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival. Please email Jonathan Rodd if you wish to reserve a place: jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk

‘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 16 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.

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.

20 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

21 TUESDAY: Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109

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

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

22 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

23 THURSDAY: George, martyr, patron of England, c. 304

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital:** Dr Anne Lam, *Organ Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)*

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

24 FRIDAY

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

25 SATURDAY: Mark the Evangelist

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

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

7.00 p.m. **Concert:** William Drakett, *baritone*, and Benjamin Mead, *piano*, present 'Songs of Travel'

26 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** and Confirmation, celebrating Somerset Day (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral with Wells Cathedral School instrumentalists) attended by Wells Cathedral School

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

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Cantoris Vicars Choral)

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

The Boy Choristers and Decani Vicars Choral will be singing Choral Evensong at St George's Church, Easton-in-Gordano, at 3.00 p.m.