

The Chapter Letter

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 31 May 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Trinity Sunday begin on page 153 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is presiding and preaching at both St Mary Magdalene Church, Wookey Hole and St Cuthbert's Church, Wells today. We pray that both he and the communities 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.

The Reverend Dr Rob James: The Trustees of Sarum College, Salisbury, are delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend Dr Rob James, former Canon Chancellor, as the next Principal. We offer our warmest congratulations to Rob, who will take up his appointment on 1 August.

The Loft Café: Please note that The Loft will be temporarily closed from **Saturday 30 May to Sunday 7 June inclusive** to allow for equipment refurbishment and to prepare for the launch of a new menu. It will reopen on Monday 8 June, and we look forward to welcoming visitors back to enjoy the refreshed offer. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience.

'Teach us to pray' – Week of Guided Prayer (Sunday 31 May – Sunday 7 June): Pilgrims taking part in the Week of Guided Prayer will be commissioned as part of the Festal Eucharist this afternoon.

You are warmly invited to join us for the Morning Liturgy at 8.00 a.m. (Monday – Friday) After these services, coffee and pastries will be served and then one of our visiting prayer guides will give a short talk about prayer. The programme for these talks is as follows:

Monday: Praying with Scripture – Brian Howden

Tuesday: Praying without Words – Sr Lizzie Ruth CSMV

Wednesday: Praying the Daily Office – Fr Thomas CR

Thursday: Praying the Eucharist – Alan Moses

Friday: Praying with Art – Chris Howden

Please pray for those who are coming to lead us as Guides, for those who will journey as Pilgrims, and for the whole community at the Cathedral and across the Diocese and our sister churches, that the Spirit of God may guide us into all truth.

Jesmarie's Painters Art Exhibition: Jesmarie's Painters, a local amateur arts group, will be holding their annual exhibition in the Cloisters of Wells Cathedral between **Tuesday 2 and Saturday 13 June**.

Lunchtime Organ Recital: On **Thursday 11 June** at **1.05 p.m.**, Woosug Kang from St George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will give a lunchtime organ recital. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Friends of Wells Cathedral Grand Organ Appeal.

Lunchtime Concert: On **Friday 12 June** at **1.05 p.m.**, **Thomas' Clapham Chapel Choir** will be giving a Lunchtime Concert. The Choir performs regularly at St Luke's Church, Battersea, for both school services and community events.

SOUP! Join us at **1.00 p.m. on Saturday 13 June** for a relaxed community lunch, where you can enjoy good food and support local causes. You will be served a bowl of freshly made soup and bread, prepared by Fresh and Good, while four local groups give short talks about their projects. The groups presenting this time are:

- Friends of Wells Cathedral Grand Organ Appeal
- Fundraising for a defibrillator for Wells Town Hall
- Focus Wells, which offers affordable counselling
- Westbury Footlights, fundraising for an outdoor performance of *As You Like It*

After the presentations, everyone attending will vote to decide which project receives the largest share of the funds raised. Minimum donation is £7 per person. Please arrive early to secure your space.

Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage - Come and See Weekend – 11 and 12 July 2026: This weekend is open to anyone wishing to get a taste of Anglican Religious Life as part of their own vocational explorations. There will be time to pray, sing, eat and chat with members of the Community. More details can be found at: www.csmv.co.uk/community-life/vocation-events

Saint Decuman Pilgrimage: On **Thursday 27 August**, you are invited to make your own way to St Decuman's Church and Holy Well in Watchet, Somerset. Decuman was a seventh century Welsh saint and hermit who came to the well there. An outline of the pilgrimage is below, with approximate timings:

12.00 – 12.30 p.m. Arrive

12.30 p.m. Welcome and introduction to Saint Decuman, the Holy Well, and Benefice

1.00 p.m. Lunch (please bring your own picnic) The Parish will provide cakes.

1.45 p.m. Worship and Reflection, led by The Dean of Wells

2.30 – 3.00 p.m. Depart in peace

If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please email Jonathan Rodd: Jonathan.Rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk

'On New Roads' Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage 2026: As part of the 800th anniversary year of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, a Peace Pilgrimage is taking place in September and will be coming through Wells Cathedral 5-7 September.

There are two invitations for the Cathedral community to participate:

1) You are warmly invited to join a leg of the pilgrimage walk either on 5 or 7 September or both. To sign up, go to www.spiritoffrancis.com

2) We are seeking seven people in Wells to host one of the core group of seven pilgrims for two nights (5 and 6 September) in their home. These are the pilgrims walking the full route over 70 days from the Franciscan communities at Alnmouth to Hilfield and then on to London.

If you are able to offer hospitality in this way, please contact Jonathan LLOYD of Wells TSSF canonjonathanlloyd@gmail.com by the end of May.

Cider and Cheese Festival: The Cider and Cheese Festival will take place on **Saturday 26 September from 12 noon until 9.00 p.m.** Whether you're serious about your cider and a seasoned cheese connoisseur, there will be plenty for your tastebuds to enjoy. As well as cider, there will be many alternatives to try too, including local gins, vodkas and rum, and unique, non-alcoholic options as well. Throughout the day, there will be live music, plus entertainment for the children from Wookey Hole Caves and giant garden games. Early bird tickets are now available: £17.50 for adults and £12.50 for accompanied under-18s, before 27 June. To book tickets, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on/wells-cathedral-cider-cheese-festival-2026>

Wellsprings: Wellsprings is the Cathedral's Sunday School, for children aged between 0 and 6. It runs during the 10.30 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist (term time only). We are looking for friendly helpers to join the Wellsprings team. No formal training is needed, only an enjoyment of working with young and enthusiastic children. However, Safeguarding training and a DBS check will be needed. You'll find Wellsprings on the colourful mats at the Crossing in the Cathedral on term time Sundays or email the Volunteer Services Department for more information: volunteers@wellscathedral.org.uk

Please do get in touch if you'd like to come and see what Wellsprings is all about.

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.

1 MONDAY: Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth [transferred]

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † attended by The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lay Worship Assistants, Lay Pastoral Assistants and Spiritual Directors (Vicars Choral)

2 TUESDAY

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

3 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

4 THURSDAY: CORPUS CHRISTI

12 noon **Society of Catholic Priests (SCP)** Mass in the Lady Chapel

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

5 FRIDAY

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

6 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † attended by the Friends of Wells Cathedral (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)

7 SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (All Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Alan Moses

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

Preacher: Alfie Rendell, *Ministry Experience Scheme student*