

The Chapter Letter

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 14 June 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Second Sunday after Trinity begin on page 158 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*, 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.

We welcome this weekend a visit from the Master John Telling, and members of the Worshipful Company of Plasterers. The Company received its first Royal Charter in 1501 and is 46th in the order of precedence of Livery Companies in the City of London.

They enjoyed Saturday morning tours and also attended a talk on Friday on 'The Plasterwork of Somerset' given by Philip Gaches, Master Plasterer arranged by the Friends of Wells Cathedral. They attended Choral Evensong yesterday with The Vice Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Robert Drewett, and the High Sheriff, Peter Dixon. Their visit has been coordinated by Arnold Wills (Liveryman).

Cathedral's Investment Sub-Committee: The Cathedral has an upcoming vacancy on its Investment Sub-Committee which advises Chapter - via the Finance Committee - on its investments. The Committee is seeking someone with an investment management background or similar experience to join it. The time commitment is approximately four meetings annually. An information pack and application form can be found on the Wells Cathedral website: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/your-cathedral/vacancies>

Lunchtime Concerts: On **Monday 15 June at 1.05 p.m.**, join students from Wells Cathedral School for a lunchtime concert in the Quire of Wells Cathedral. On **Monday 22 June at 1.05 p.m.**, Arkansas Children's Choir will be giving a lunchtime concert. Admission included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection.

Old Bakery Artists Art Exhibition: From **Tuesday 16 June to Friday 26 June** inclusive, the Old Bakery Artists will be exhibiting their work in the Cloisters. There are 13 'Old Bakers' who reside in the triangle between Bath, Frome and Wells. This year's exhibition contains work from new artists and also the latest work from established members.

Kinda Dusty Presents: On **Friday 19 June** at **7.30 p.m.**, join Kinda Dusty Presents for the ultimate tribute to Pink Floyd, performed live by candlelight. <https://boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com/events/kindadustyltd/1948111>

On **Saturday 20 June**, at **7.30 p.m.**, Kinda Dusty presents Motown by Candlelight, with music from The Supremes, The Temptations, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Commodores, Marvin Gaye and more.

<https://boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com/events/kindadustyltd/1948125>

The City of Wells Remembers the Enslaved: On **Wednesday 24 June**, at **6.30 p.m.** in **Wells and Mendip Museum**, you are invited to find out more about the Wells and Transatlantic Slavery group's plans for a permanent memorial to the enslaved people whose labour helped shape this city. Wells Cathedral is a member of this group, which brings together institutions and individuals connected with Wells to explore and acknowledge the city's links to transatlantic slavery. This event offers an opportunity to hear the story, ask questions, and help shape Wells' next steps. Simon Tudway-Quilter will introduce two speakers: Stephanie Mathivet, who will speak on the history of transatlantic slavery and its local connections, and Sharon Brien, who will share examples from across Britain to consider what a memorial in Wells might look like. The talks will be followed by an open discussion and Q&A session chaired by Louis Agabani. Tickets, costing £3 (cash only), will be available on the door.

Pilgrimage: As part of the year of prayer, we are offering opportunities to experience pilgrimage in different settings. 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.** 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.

Former Priests Vicar: The Reverend David Wilcox, will be remembered at Evensong on **Thursday 2 July**. His ashes will be interred in the Camery Garden at 4.15 p.m. Alison would welcome all who remember David to come to either event and to have a drink after Evensong in the Education Room.

Wells Cathedral School: Echoes of the North Symphony Orchestra: On **Thursday 2 July** at **7.00 p.m.**, Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra will perform Sibelius' Violin Concerto and Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances. They will also be joined by the Chamber Choir in Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music*. Tickets are now available: <https://cedarshallwells.co.uk/events/echoes-of-the-north-symphony-orchestra-2>

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. 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

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.

15 MONDAY

- 8.50 a.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**
1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Wells Cathedral School
5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

16 TUESDAY: Richard, bishop, 1253

- 5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**, in Bishop's Palace Chapel

17 WEDNESDAY

- 10.00 a.m. **Eucharist** (Common Worship Order I, Traditional)
5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

18 THURSDAY

- 11.30 a.m. **Mothers' Union Prayers**
5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** attended by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Lay Worship Assistants, Lay Pastoral Assistants, Spiritual Directors (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

19 FRIDAY

- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)
7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Pink Floyd by Candlelight

20 SATURDAY

- 8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Motown by Candlelight

21 SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (BCP), Quire/Presbytery
10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)
Preacher: Gavin Plumley, *cultural historian, writer, lecturer and broadcaster*, on 'Prayer and Poetry'.
6.30 p.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**