

# The Chapter Letter

## The Third Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 21 June 2026



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Third Sunday after Trinity begin on page 160 of the Book of Common Prayer.

**Cathedral Bell Ringers:** A number of our Cathedral ringers are away this weekend, visiting Liverpool and the surrounding area for ringing. We send them our good wishes and hope they have a very enjoyable 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.

**Congratulations:** Warmest congratulations to Caroline Boddington, DL, Prebendary and Senior Non-Executive Member of the Chapter of Wells Cathedral, who was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours list for services to the Church of England. Caroline has been appointed Order of the British Empire (OBE) and we are enormously grateful for her work for the Church, past and present.

**Thank you from Anne Gell:** A word of thanks now that we have fully moved and landed in Hampshire. Firstly, to say what an immense privilege it has been to have been part of the life of this Cathedral over these years, something for which I will always be grateful. Thank you for so much - for friendship, for fellowship, and for your prayers. Thank you too for a wonderful 'send off' - a moving and memorable last service and for all the good wishes, cards and gifts. With my love and prayers for you all. Anne

**Ordination of Deacons:** The Ordination of Deacons takes place on **Sunday 28 June** at 10.30 a.m. in Wells Cathedral. Please pray for those being ordained, for their loved ones, and for all who support them:

- Ingrid Barnsley – Bath St Luke
- Elizabeth Alden – Beckington with Standerwick with Berkley with Rodden with Lullington with Orchardleigh and Saint Katherine's, Woodlands
- Stuart McLachlan – Weston Super Mare St Paul
- Claire Morrish – Bath Weston All Saints with North Stoke and Langridge
- Di Vickery – Weston Super Mare Christ Church and Emmanuel
- Jenny Stromberg – The Link Benefice (and the Benefice of Westonzoyland with Chedzoy)

**Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) students:** Next Sunday will be the final week with us for Alfie Rendell and Finlay James, our Ministry Experience Scheme (MES) students. We thank them warmly for all that they have contributed to the life

of the Cathedral during their time here, and we wish them every blessing for the next steps in their journey of faith and ministry.

**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>

**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 by new artists and also the latest work from established members.

**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](mailto: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>

**Mythical Beasts: The Dean writes:** From the beginning of July, we look forward to welcoming a special Mythical Creatures experience at Wells Cathedral. Designed in collaboration with artists, it will take the form of an inspiring and engaging trail, with sculptural installations and interactive elements throughout the building.

The experience draws closely on the Cathedral's own heritage — from its 1650 copy of *Historia Naturalis* to the stone carvings, wooden misericords and exceptional collection in our world-famous library. We are surrounded by these stories of mythical beasts all the time; we just rarely notice them.

Yet these creatures are not only found in our architecture, but also in scripture — from Behemoth (Job 40) and Leviathan (Job 41) from Lileth (Isaiah 34) to the pit locust horse-like figures of Revelation.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to celebrate some of the Cathedral's wonderful resources - especially those who have not come here before and, we hope, with many children. If you would like to know more, please speak to the Dean. As Psalm 148.7 puts it, *'Praise the Lord from the earth, dragons and all deeps'*.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jill.edmonds@wellscathedral.org.uk) or Joanne Austin, Diocesan and Safeguarding Case Worker, 01749 588905, [joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org) or Ben Goodhind, Diocesan and Cathedral Safeguarding Manager, 01749 588917, [ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto: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.

**22 MONDAY:** Alban, first martyr of Britain, c. 250

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

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Arkansas Children's Choir

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

**23 TUESDAY:** Etheldreda, abbess, c. 678

10.30 a.m. **Moving Up Celebration Service**

12.30 p.m. **Moving Up Celebration Service**

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral, with Wells Cathedral Song Squad)

**24 WEDNESDAY:** Birth of John the Baptist

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

10.20 a.m. **Moving Up Celebration Service**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

**25 THURSDAY**

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

**26 FRIDAY:** Ember Day

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Primary School Music Outreach

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

**27 SATURDAY**

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

2.00 p.m. **Wedding Service**

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

**28 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** and Ordination of Deacons (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Right Reverend Martin Seeley, *retired Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich*

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

Preacher: The Reverend Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*