

The Chapter Letter

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 19 July 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity begin on page 167 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.

Visiting Choirs: Many thanks to our visiting choir of St James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, who have sung our services this week. The church serves a coastal community set along sandstone bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean just north of San Diego. Founded in 1907, St. James stands at the heart of La Jolla's village, where its bells and daily rhythm of prayer remain a steady presence amid a lively cultural and academic community. The choir, composed of skilled volunteers and professional singers from across the greater San Diego region, sings liturgies in the Anglican tradition with clarity, warmth, and a strong sense of community, drawing on a wide-ranging repertoire that reflects both the English cathedral heritage and the rich choral life of Southern California.

On **Thursday 23 July**, Evensong will be sung by the Choir of St Laurence's, East Harptree. The choir serves the United Parish of East Harptree, West Harptree, and Hinton Blewett in the Chew Valley, singing a full choral Evensong on the third Sunday of every month, and supporting morning worship throughout the year. One of the few remaining SATB parish church choirs in a rural setting, they are valued visitors to neighbouring churches and are pleased to be returning to Wells Cathedral, where they have sung Evensong on several previous occasions.

Texts of Sermons and Talks: Texts of many sermons and talks are available on the Cathedral website. If you would like to revisit a sermon or talk, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/talks-and-sermons>

Welcome Drinks for Newcomers: If you consider yourself a newcomer to the Cathedral community, you are warmly invited to come along for welcome drinks on **Sunday 23 August**, after coffee. It will be a relaxed opportunity to meet others and feel more at home in the Cathedral community. Please email Jonathan Rodd at Jonathan.Rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk if you plan to attend.

Archaeology in Action at Vicars' Close: From **Monday 20 – Thursday 23 July**, join us as part of the Festival of Archaeology as we uncover the hidden history of Vicars' Close. From **10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.** each day, watch excavations in garden trial pits, meet the archaeology team, take part in hands-on activities, and

discover what lies beneath the surface. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Whether you're an archaeology enthusiast or simply curious about the history beneath your feet, there's something for all ages to enjoy.

Afternoon Concert: On **Monday 20 July** at **2.30 p.m.**, The Robin Hood Youth Orchestra and Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe will perform an afternoon of their favourite repertoire. The Orchestra is made up of talented young musicians from across Nottingham. For their summer residential, RHYO are thrilled to host the Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe from Nottingham's twinned city, Karlsruhe, Germany. There will be 120 performers in total. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Southampton Youth Orchestra : Rachmaninoff Symphony No 2: On **Saturday 25 July** at **7.00 p.m.**, Southampton Youth Orchestra will be performing Rachmaninoff's Symphony No 2 as well as Tchaikovsky's grand 1812 Overture and Weber's Clarinet Concerto. To book tickets, please visit the FIXR website.

Mythical Beasts: Between **6 July and 1 September**, you can take off on a self-guided family trail full of mythical surprises – spot giant mythical creatures in the Cathedral, check out our observation station to spot more creatures on the loose, and try your hand at our Mythical Creatures creative activities.

The amazing Mythical Creatures experience comes free with admission into Wells Cathedral, or with a valid admission pass.

Mythical Creatures Family Holiday Activities

Whether your thing is serpentine dragon singing, puppet-making, illuminated lettering, clay sculpting or woodblock printing – there's Mythical Creatures creativity for everyone at Wells Cathedral this summer – and it's all free with Cathedral admission!

Singing Serpents Workshops

Thursday 23 July, 30 July, 20 August and 27 August, 11.30 a.m. in the Chapter House. Learn to use your body to make the best singing sound you can and sing mythical creature themed songs.

Make a Dragon Puppet

Tuesday 4 and 18 August, 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. in the South Transept. Use our template to make a dragon puppet, then teach it some tricks!

Be a Bookmaker

Wednesday 5 and 19 August, 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. in the South Transept. Make a mini Chained Library book and fill the pages with animal-inspired illuminated lettering.

Print a Picture

Tuesday 11 and 25 August, 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. in the South Transept. Design a mythical creature, then explore printing techniques inspired by woodblock prints found in many of our library's books.

Make a Clay Creature

Wednesday 12 and 26 August, 10.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m. in the South Transept. Bring your ideas for a mythical creature to life by making a model from clay.

Staff and Congregation Tea: Members of the congregation are warmly invited to The Deanery garden on **Monday 24 August**, from **2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.**, for an opportunity to meet staff from the Cathedral in an informal setting. Tea, coffee, and scones will be served. Numbers are limited, so please email Jonathan Rodd at Jonathan.Rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk if you plan to attend.

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.** Tickets are now available: £20 for adults and £15 for accompanied under-18s. To book tickets, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on/wells-cathedral-cider-cheese-festival-2026>

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, Wendy Ray, 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,

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This week at Wells Cathedral

Monday – Friday (inclusive)

The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

20 MONDAY

- 2.30 p.m. **Concert:** Robin Hood Youth Orchestra and Jugendorchester Stadt Karlsruhe
- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)

21 TUESDAY

- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)

22 WEDNESDAY: Mary Magdalene

- 10.00 a.m. **Eucharist** (Common Worship Order I, Traditional)
- 5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)

23 THURSDAY

- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Laurence Church, East Harptree)

24 FRIDAY

- 5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)

25 SATURDAY: James the Apostle

- 8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**
- 11.00 a.m. **Wedding Service**
- 5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)
- 7.00 p.m. **Concert:** Southampton Youth Orchestra presents Rachmaninoff's *Symphony No 2*

26 SUNDAY: THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (BCP), Quire/Presbytery
- 10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*
- 3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA)
Preacher: The Reverend Catherine Llewellyn-Evans

Save the Date: The next Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday 20 September** at **12.30 p.m.** You are invited to bring a packed lunch. We hope that you will be able to attend.