

The Chapter Letter

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5 July 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 163 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is preaching at St Mary's Church, Bathwick, today. We pray that both he and the community 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 Eucharist: We are delighted to welcome The Right Reverend Fiona Gibson, *Bishop of Taunton*, this morning as she presides and preaches at the **Cathedral Eucharist** and confirms seven candidates.

Please pray for **Caspar, Honor, Matthew, Maureen, Toby, Wendy and William** as they affirm their faith and take this important step in their Christian journey. May they know God's presence, guidance and blessing today and in the years ahead. We also hold in our prayers their families and friends who are sharing in this special occasion.

Visiting Choirs: Choir of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell: Many thanks to our visiting choir from Ewell, who are singing our services this weekend. St Mary's has had a choir for many years and had some distinguished organists and organ scholars, including William Harris, William T'Ansur, Henry Heron, Jeremy Cole, Maks Adach, and Jonathan Allsopp. The current Director is Jonathan Holmes. Senior Organ Scholar William Brooke will leave for Peterborough Cathedral as Organ Scholar in September.

The choir sing every week for the Choral Eucharist, and once a month for Evensong. They have sung at Wells three times and this will be their fourth visit. Wells remains a perennial favourite for them.

On **Friday 10 July**, the adult choir of **St Giles and St Nicholas Parish Church, Sidmouth** will be singing at Choral Evensong. The choir has a long tradition of providing liturgical music in the liberal Catholic tradition of the Church of England. This will be the choir's first Cathedral visit since the Covid pandemic, and the group is delighted to have the opportunity to sing in the splendid surroundings of Wells Cathedral.

Mythical Beasts: The Dean writes: From tomorrow, **Monday 6 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 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*'.

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.

Wells Cathedral School Governor: The Chapter is inviting expressions of interest from within the Cathedral Community for service as a school governor at Wells Cathedral School. Governors are both company directors and charity trustees of the school. Candidates should have an understanding of the role of a director/trustee, ideally within an educational setting, and have a connection with Wells Cathedral. The selection process will take place over the summer so that the new board member can start in the early Autumn. Any nomination will be subject to the usual eligibility and DBS checks. Closing date: 15 July 2026. Please contact Caroline Boddington for details of the role: caroline.boddington@wellscathedral.org.uk

Lunchtime Organ Recital: On **Thursday 9 July** at **1.05 p.m.**, Paul Griffiths, a freelance organist, will be giving an Organ Recital. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Lunchtime Concert: On **Friday 10 July** at **1.05 p.m.**, the Leon Fleisher Academy will be giving a lunchtime concert. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Wells Orchestral Weekend (WOWFest) 2026: On **Saturday 11 July** at **7.00 p.m.**, the WOWFest Community Chorus and Bristol Classical Players will perform the mighty *Carmina Burana*, written by the German composer Carl Orff. Based on a collection of medieval poetry, *Carmina Burana* is most famously known for its powerful opening chorus, *O Fortuna*. Preliminary pieces will be performed by the Haydn Youth String Orchestra, visiting from the Netherlands. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wowfest-2026-carmina-burana-tickets-1984614741115?aff=oddtcreator>

Kinda Dusty Presents: On **Thursday 16 July** at **7.30 p.m.**, experience an unforgettable evening of Queen's greatest anthems, performed live by candlelight. On **Friday 17 July** at **7.30 p.m.**, relive the magic of Westlife's biggest hits, performed live by candlelight. Tickets for both concerts are available through the Cathedral website.

EMMAUS: Nurturing and Growing Our Trust in God Together: When we talk about "growth" in church, it's easy to think about numbers. But true growth is deeper than that. It comes through the nurturing of faith itself. Like a rose bush, faith flourishes when it is cared for, tended, and given space to grow.

EMMAUS is a resource designed to help explore and deepen your relationship with God. Think of it as a trellis: something steady that supports you as your trust in God grows stronger. You are warmly invited to join EMMAUS and journey with others, as we learn together how to tend the garden of our souls, discovering the beauty, hope, and new life that God longs to grow in each one of us.

EMMAUS launches in September. More information soon (just whetting the appetite!) For more information, please speak with Simon Lewis, our Sub-Dean.

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,
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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.

6 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

7 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Wells Cathedral Song Squad and Wells Cathedral Youth Choir)

8 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

9 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital**, Paul Griffiths, *freelance organist*

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

10 FRIDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert**: Leon Fleisher Academy

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Giles and St Nicholas Church, Sidmouth)

11 SATURDAY: Benedict, abbot, c. 550

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Winchester Consort)

7.00 p.m. **Concert**: WOWFest presents Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*

12 SUNDAY: THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Winchester Consort)

Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Winchester Consort)

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*