

# The Chapter Letter

## The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 12 July 2026



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Sixth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 165 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is preaching at Priddy Folk Festival 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.

**Visiting Choir:** Many thanks to our visiting choir, Winchester Consort, who are singing our services this weekend. Winchester Consort, a choir of invited, experienced singers from across the South of England, performs in a variety of spaces in a broad range of musical styles, singing for services, ceremonies, and charitable concerts while working primarily with invited, guest directors – there being no regular conductor.

Winchester Consort is delighted to be able to work, once again, with Dr Andrew Lumsden who is kindly directing the choir for services today, Sunday 12 July.

**Choir News:** The Cathedral Choir's newsletter for the Whitsun and Trinity 2026 terms is now available on the Cathedral website. We hope you'll take a moment to read it and discover what our dedicated Choir has been up to over the past two terms: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/archives/285203544>

**Save Vicars Close - Sponsorship Opportunities:** With Vicars' Close set to open next summer, we have launched a variety of sponsorship opportunities. From roof tiles to the iconic chimneys, please consider supporting the Cathedral this way – this is your chance to be part of this once-in-a-generation project. But you do not have to sponsor a large element to make a difference. Just £25 could help fund essential materials or support 2 hours of community participation. For more information visit [www.wellscathedral.org.uk/vicarsclose](http://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/vicarsclose), pick up a leaflet, email Sarah Purdon, Development Manager [sarah.purdon@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:sarah.purdon@wellscathedral.org.uk) or telephone 01749 832211.

**Taste and See:** The Cathedral Meditation Group is an opportunity to share in thirty minutes of silent prayer which follows a brief introduction. Such prayer is a chance to deepen our personal relationship with God and to contribute to the prayer-life of the Cathedral. All are most welcome. The next session will be on **Monday 13 July, at 6.00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel. If you are just coming for the meditation, please enter via the North Door.

**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](mailto:Jonathan.Rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk) if you plan to attend.

**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](mailto:Jonathan.Rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk) if you plan to attend.

**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.

**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. Featuring a world-class cast of West End vocalists and epic live rock band, this is

your chance to sing along to timeless classics including *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *It's a Kind of Magic*, *We Are The Champions* and many more.

On **Friday 17 July at 7.30 p.m.**, world-class vocalists and an incredible live band will relive the magic of Westlife's biggest hits, performed live by candlelight. To book tickets, visit: <https://boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com/events/kindadustyltd/1948701>

**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](mailto: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>

**Wellsprings:** Please note that there will be no Wellsprings next Sunday, 19 July. Wellsprings will be taking a well-deserved Summer break and look forward to returning on Sunday 6 September.

**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,

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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.

#### 13 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

6.00 p.m. **Taste and See:** Cathedral Meditation Group, in the Lady Chapel

#### 14 TUESDAY: John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

#### 15 WEDNESDAY: Swithun, bishop, c. 862

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

#### 16 THURSDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Exeter Chamber Choir)

7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Kinda Dusty Presents: Queen by Candlelight

#### 17 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Kinda Dusty Presents: The Music of Westlife

#### 18 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

#### 19 SUNDAY: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla, California, USA)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*

'*Prayer Pilgrimage*', a book of sonnet prayers by Cathedral Reader, Caroline Byrne, is now available in the Cathedral Shop in this newly edited collection, priced £12.99.

It includes a foreword by Bishop John Pritchard, who led our Good Friday Three Hours in 2024. He writes: "*Prayer Pilgrimage is a rich resource of prayer-poems to enliven our faith and deepen our understanding of God's irrepressible love.*"