

The Chapter Letter

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28 June 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 162 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, 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.

Ordination of Deacons: Please pray for those being ordained at the Cathedral Eucharist this morning, 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: Today is the final Sunday 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.

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>

Saying Farewell, and the final Evensong of the Cathedral Choir Year:

Please join us for the final service of the Cathedral Choir's academic year - Choral Evensong in the Nave at **5.15 p.m. on Friday 3 July**. The Choir will sing some of their favourite repertoire and we will say farewell to our Scholars and some of our longest-serving Choristers. We would like to thank those who are leaving the Cathedral Music Foundation at the end of the academic year - Choristers Aidan, Ryan, Kukhanya, Clemmie, Jemima, Alma, and Annabel; Choral Scholars Phoebe, Luke, and Herbert; and Organ Scholar Edward. We are deeply grateful to them for their commitment, dedication, hard work, and marvellous music making, and are very grateful to them and their families for all that they have given to the Choir and Cathedral. We wish them all the best of luck for the future!

Breakfast for the 8.30 a.m. Congregation: On **Sunday 5 July**, the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion congregation are invited to stay for coffee, tea and croissants after the service. We hope that you will enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Mythical Beasts: The Dean writes: From **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 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*'.

Lunchtime Organ Recital: On **Thursday 9 July at 1.05 p.m.**, Paul Griffiths 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 included with entry to the Cathedral with a retiring collection.

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>

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. 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: 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.

29 MONDAY: Peter and Paul, Apostles

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Senior Choristers)

30 TUESDAY

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

1 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

2 THURSDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** remembering The Reverend David Wilcox (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

7.00 p.m. **Concert:** Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra

3 FRIDAY: Thomas the Apostle

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

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † celebrating the end of the Cathedral Choir Year (Great Choir)

4 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

2.00 p.m. **Memorial Service** for the life of Martin Warren

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell)

5 SUNDAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Choir of St Mary's Church, Ewell)

Preacher: The Right Reverend Fiona Gibson, *Bishop of Taunton*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell)

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

'*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.*"