

The Chapter Letter

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26 July 2026



The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is presiding and preaching at St Mary and St Peter's Church, Winford, today. We pray that both he and the community will be blessed by their time together.

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 168 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 the choir of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, USA who have sung the services so beautifully this week. The Director of Music and Organist is Dr Patrick A. Scott, and Sam McDaniel is Assistant Organist/Choirmaster. In addition to Sunday morning Eucharist liturgies, the Grace-St. Luke's Choir sings monthly services of Choral Evensong during term-time as well as services during Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and the Triduum.

On **Thursday 30 July**, the choir of Holy Trinity, Utrecht, will sing Choral Evensong. The choir provides music for the weekly Sunday services, enriching the liturgy with a broad repertoire of Anglican church music. In addition, the choir sings Choral Evensong on the second Sunday of each month, a cherished tradition in their beloved church. For this visit, the choir has been specially assembled, bringing together singers from Holy Trinity Church, the Anglican Church in Zwolle, and members of The New Choral Singers from The Hague.

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>

Sacred Shadows, Eternal Light Concert: On **Saturday 1 August** at **7.00 p.m.**, Somerset Chamber Choir, The Echoing Air Vocal Ensemble and Bath Philharmonia join forces under the direction of Andrea Brown to perform a rich programme featuring Mendelssohn's *O for the Wings of a Dove* and J.S. Bach's *Wachet auf (Sleepers, Wake!)*, alongside works by Schütz, Clara Schumann, Mahler and Brahms. This promises to be a memorable exploration of some of the finest music in the choral tradition.

Tickets £10–£30. To book, call 0333 666 333

<https://www.somersetchamberchoir.org>.

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.

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. If you are planning to attend, please email Jonathan Rodd: jonathanrodd@wellscathedral.org.uk

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 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

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01749 588905, joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org

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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.

27 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

28 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

29 WEDNESDAY: Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

30 THURSDAY: William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Holy Trinity Church, Utrecht)

31 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

1 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

7.00 p.m. **Concert:** Somerset Chamber Choir presents 'Sacred Shadows, Eternal Light: A Leipzig Soundscape'

2 SUNDAY: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Alison Morgan, *Associate of The Mathetes Trust*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA)

Preacher: The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*