

The Chapter Letter

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 2 August 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Ninth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 170 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 St Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Alabama, USA who have sung the services so beautifully this week. Consisting of professional and volunteer adults and choristers, the St. Mary's Choir sings at the 10.30 a.m liturgy throughout the year, as well as for major feasts, concerts, and special events. Anthems sung by the choir come from many periods, and include Renaissance motets, anthems from the Anglican tradition, and contemporary composers. The Choir has performed major choral works, often with orchestras, and has travelled and sung in the United States, England, and Europe.

On Thursday 6 August at 5.15 p.m., Festal Eucharist for the Feast of the Transfiguration will be sung by the St Nicholas Consort, a small chamber choir formed of former and current choral scholars and professional singers with links to cathedrals and greater churches in the South West.

Our preacher at the Cathedral Eucharist this morning is The Reverend Dr Alison Morgan, *Associate of the Mathletes Trust*. Alison's book *World Turned Upside Down: The Psalms and the Spirituality of Pain* is available in the Cathedral Bookshop, priced £12.99.

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>

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.

Lunchtime Concert: On **Saturday 8 August at 1.05 p.m.,** Glastonbury Male Voice Choir will be giving a lunchtime concert. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

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.

Mythical Creatures: 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 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

Organ Concert: On **Saturday 29 August** at **5.00 p.m.**, our Director of Music, Timothy Parsons, will be giving a concert on the Henry Willis organ at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon. Tickets (£15) are available via the church office beneficeoffice@htboa.org or on the door and include a glass of wine or soft drink during the interval. The programme includes the Bach's Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Mendelssohn's Sonata No 3 in A major, Durufle's Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, together with short works by Elgar, Ghislaine Reece-Trapp and Nico Muhly.

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>

USPG: Any stamp, coin, postcard or badge (civil or military, fabric or metal) can be of benefit to the Anglican mission United Society Partners in the Gospel. Please place in the box on the table in the North Transept. Very many thanks to all contributors.

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

This week at Wells Cathedral

Monday – Friday (inclusive)

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

3 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

4 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

5 WEDNESDAY: Oswald, king, martyr, 642

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

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

6 THURSDAY: Transfiguration of Our Lord

5.15 p.m. **Festal Eucharist** † (St Nicolas Consort)

7 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

8 SATURDAY: Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Glastonbury Male Voice Choir

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

9 SUNDAY: THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

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

Readings: Genesis 37.1–4, 12–28; Matthew 14.22–33

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull)

Preacher: The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, *Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bath and Wells*