

The Chapter Letter

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20 September 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 182 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.

Congratulations! The Dean writes: It is with immense joy that I share the news that our Assistant Curate, Edward Day, has been appointed as Chaplain to the Bishop of Exeter. While we are naturally saddened that Edward's time among us will soon be drawing to a close, this is very much part of the life and purpose of curacy. Edward has been a fantastic member of our Cathedral community and we have seen him grow into his priestly ministry, in confidence, wisdom and skill. Many of us have come to value his wit, preaching and pastoral care, and we know he will be a wonderful asset to Bishop Mike and the Diocese of Exeter. Our prayers, blessings and good wishes go with Edward, and his fiancée Natalie, as they are called to this exciting new venture. Edward will be moving to Devon at the beginning of November and more details about his final service at the Cathedral will be shared in due course. For now, please do keep Edward and Natalie in your prayers, and join us in offering them our heartfelt congratulations and every blessing for the future.

An invitation from Natalie and Edward: Natalie Manning, *Vicar Choral*, and Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, are delighted to invite members of the Cathedral congregation to join them for their wedding at Wells Cathedral on **Saturday 28 November** at **11.15 a.m.**, followed by a drinks reception in the Chapter House. The Cathedral community means a great deal to them, and it would be a great joy to have you there as they make their vows and begin this new chapter of their lives together. If you would like to come, please let them know by completing the form using the link below by 1 October. They very much hope that you will be able to celebrate with them! tinyurl.com/natalieandedward

Harvest Festival Celebration: This year, the Cathedral's Harvest Festival celebration will be held in conjunction with Wells Cathedral School and the Somerset Young Farmers' Club at **7.00 p.m.** on **Sunday 4 October**. This will be a joyful thanksgiving for the harvest, held alongside those who have worked hard to make it happen. Everybody is welcome to this service, and as ever, please do come bringing items of non-perishable food, which can be passed on to the local foodbank. If you are not able to be at the service, you will still be able to drop non-perishable Harvest gifts in St Martin's Chapel, near the font in the South Transept, from Sunday 27 September until the morning of the 4 October, and we will give thanks for all that has been brought at the service on the 4 October at 7.00 p.m.

EMMAUS: Is This the Next Step on Your Journey of Faith?

EMMAUS is an opportunity to explore and deepen your Christian faith alongside others. Launching in September, it offers a welcoming space to reflect, ask questions, and discover how God is at work in the joys and challenges of everyday life.

Through EMMAUS, you will have the opportunity to:

- explore how the Christian faith connects with everyday life
- grow in compassion, hope, and understanding
- deepen your awareness of God's presence
- encourage and support one another on the journey of faith
- discover more fully what it means to walk with Christ

If you are looking to grow in faith, or simply wondering what the next step might be, EMMAUS could be the journey for you.

To find out more:

- Pick up a leaflet from the information table by the Virgers' Vestry.
- Request a PDF by emailing emmaus@wellscathedral.org.uk
- Or speak with Reverend Canon Simon Lewis, Sub-Dean, who will be happy to answer your questions.

Launch of the Jesse Group: A new group for women from Wells Cathedral and nearby churches is beginning this autumn. Monthly gatherings will include short talks, lively conversation, and friendly coffee mornings — all shaped by coffee, cake, and care. To find out more, please contact either: Margaret Wilson – mews2@tiscali.co.uk or Wendy Haslam – pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk (07815 309527).

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>

Be a Chorister for a Day: On **Sunday 4 October**, from **12.45 p.m – 4.30 p.m**, we will be holding a fabulous free event called *Be a Chorister for a Day*, where children who love to sing can experience what it's like to be a Cathedral Chorister. The event is open to children aged between 6 and 9, there are fun singing workshops, and the afternoon ends with them taking part in the Evensong service alongside the Choristers of the Cathedral Choir. For parents, there is the chance to speak with Wells Cathedral School staff and parents of current Choristers whilst enjoying tea and cake in the Cathedral Café ahead of the Evensong rehearsal and service.

Here's a link to further information on the Wells Cathedral website, including a wonderful short video of the Choristers explaining how they feel about Chorister life in their own words - <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/choristerships>.

Pre-registration is essential for this event and it's always very popular. If you would like further information or to register for a place, please contact Melanie Lawlor via musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk.

Breakfast for the 8.30 a.m. Congregation: On **Sunday 4 October**, 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.

Gather and Chat: On the first Monday of each month, we plan to hold a coffee morning in The Loft. The first meeting will be on **Monday 5 October** at **10.00 a.m.** Members of the Pastoral Care team will be there with coffee. Come and meet others you may or may not know. For more information, please ask Wendy Haslam. pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk or 07815 309527

Divine Light: You are invited to join the Friends for a very special event. On **Tuesday 6 October** at **10.30 a.m.** Janet Gough OBE will take us on a richly illustrated journey through 900 years of exceptional stained glass in England's cathedrals based on her book *Divine Light: The Stained Glass of England's Cathedrals*. The talk will be preceded by a tour of some of the Cathedral glass and followed by a finger buffet lunch in the Undercroft.

For more information, please see the News section of the Friends website (www.wellsfriends.org) or Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/divine-light-tickets-1997496937110?aff=oddtcreator>). We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special event.

Opening the Word: Tyndale, Translation & Transformation: On **Friday 9 October** from **9.00 a.m. until 6.30 p.m.**, there will be a major symposium at Wells Cathedral to celebrate the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's New Testament (1526), featuring seven internationally respected scholars of Bible translation, textual criticism, Reformation history and theology. Tickets can be purchased via our website using the link: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on?event=135149727>

Carols by Candlelight: A much-loved highlight of the festive calendar, the highly anticipated Carols by Candlelight concerts return to Wells Cathedral this Christmas with three performances on **Saturday 19, Sunday 20 and Monday 21 December**. With performances from the Cathedral Choir and guest readers from the local community, these concerts offer an unforgettable evening in the spectacular glow of more than 3000 candles. To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/book-carols-by-candlelight-tickets>

Pastoral Care: Members of the Cathedral Pastoral Care 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, 07716431804, 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,

This week at Wells Cathedral

Monday – Friday (inclusive)

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

21 MONDAY: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Vicars Choral)

22 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)

23 WEDNESDAY: Ember Day

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

24 THURSDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral)

25 FRIDAY: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

26 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

12 noon – **Cider and Cheese Festival**

9.00 p.m.

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

27 SUNDAY: THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*

Readings: *Exodus 17. 1-7, Matthew 21. 23-32*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

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