

The Chapter Letter

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13 September 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 180 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, Canon Precentor, is presiding and preaching at St Paul's Church, Easton today. We pray that both he and the congregation 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.

Congregational Meeting: On **Sunday 20 September** at **12.30 p.m.** You are warmly invited to bring a packed lunch and join us. **Please email office@wellscathedral.org.uk if you plan to attend, to help us with arrangements.** If there are any questions you would like to raise, or items you would like considered under 'Any Other Business' (AOB), please email these in advance of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

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>

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.

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.

Installation of Mr James Davies as the new Headmaster of Wells Cathedral School:

A message from James: Today at the 3.00 p.m. Choral Evensong I am delighted to have the honour of joining the Cathedral Foundation as the 86th Headmaster of Wells Cathedral School, and those of you who can join us are most welcome to come after the service to Cedars House for a glass or two of Prosecco to celebrate.

Thank you also for the wonderful welcome that has been extended to me by all involved with the Cathedral. I am fully committed to doing all that I can to further improve the links between the School, the Cathedral, and the wider city, and will be exploring opportunities to do so. As an initial step, I wanted to extend a warm welcome to any members of the congregation to join the school during term time for our weekly services which are published in the Chapter Letter on the back page. Our Monday morning services now involve the whole school, from Year 3 to Upper Sixth, and commence at 8.50 a.m., lasting about 30 minutes. Our boarding community then gather most weeks on Sundays at 6.30 p.m. for a service, again lasting for about 30 minutes. Please do come along at any time, you would be most welcome. I look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

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 5th October at 10am.

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>

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

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 the Revd Canon Simon Lewis, Sub-Dean, who will be happy to answer your questions.

New appointments in our local Deanery: The Revd James Sharp, Priest in Charge, Fosse Trinity, Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton, is the new Area Dean of Shepton Mallet Deanery. The Revd Sarah Cornick will be licensed and inducted as Rector of St Cuthbert's Wells and Wookey Hole on Thursday 15 October at 7.00 p.m. Please pray for James and Sarah as they start these new ministries.

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 – news2@tiscali.co.uk or Wendy Haslam – pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk (07815 309527)

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

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.

14 MONDAY: Holy Cross Day

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

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

15 TUESDAY: Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

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

16 WEDNESDAY: Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

17 THURSDAY: Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

11.30 a.m. **Mothers' Union Prayers** in the Lady Chapel

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** DOOT

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

18 FRIDAY

1.00 p.m. **Wedding Service** in the Quire

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

19 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

12.00 p.m. **Wedding Service** in the Quire

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

20 SUNDAY: THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Girl Choristers and Vicars Choral,
with Wells Cathedral School instrumentalists)

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

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

Preacher: The Reverend Sally Wright, *Priest Vicar*