

The Chapter Letter

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 16 August 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity begin on page 173 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is preaching at St Paul's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas 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.

Visiting Choirs: Many thanks to the choir of Wantage Parish Church who have sung the services so beautifully this week. Renowned across the Diocese of Oxford, this friendly and thriving choir of mixed voices has over 30 members, led by the Director of Music, Phil Johnson. Every Sunday at the 10.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist the choir leads the music and at Evensong at 6.00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month.

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. Please email Jonathan Rodd at Jonathan.Rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk if you plan to attend.

Welcome Drinks for Newcomers: If you have joined the Cathedral community and consider yourself a newcomer, 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.

Welcome Hamper for Ministry Experience Scheme Student: We'd love to extend a warm welcome to Rhys, the new MES student who will be joining us in September, by putting together a thoughtful hamper for his arrival. If you would like to contribute, a collection box will be placed in the Virgers' vestry for any donations. Small treats, toiletries, biscuits, sweets or other thoughtful items would all be appreciated. (No alcohol please). The final day for contributions will be Sunday 30 August. Thank you for helping us make his arrival feel special!

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 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 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 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 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.

Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir: The Chamber Choir are singing Evensong and Sunday services in Exeter Cathedral on **Friday 21 August, Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August** directed by Carolyn Craig. We hope they enjoy this their annual residency. All supporters from Wells are welcome!

The Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir will be holding auditions for new members on **Thursday 3 September** from **7.15 – 9.00 p.m.** The choir is friendly and welcoming. They sing about 30 Cathedral services per year as well as weddings, funerals, and concerts in wider Somerset. Sightreading is a necessary skill. They rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7.15 – 9.00 p.m. throughout the year, with a break in the summer. Auditioning members are welcome to sit in on their first rehearsal on Thursday 10 September before committing. For more information, please contact carolyn.craig@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 City of Wells Remembers the Enslaved: Wells Cathedral is a member of the Wells and Transatlantic Slavery group, which is exploring and acknowledging the city's links to transatlantic slavery. Join us on **Tuesday 8 September, 6.30 –8.30 p.m.** at **Wells and Mendip Museum**, to hear Stephanie Mathivet on the history of transatlantic slavery and its local connections, and Sharon Brien on approaches to memorialisation from across Britain. The evening will include discussion and an opportunity to help shape plans for a permanent memorial in Wells. Tickets £3 (cash only) will be available on the door from 6.00 p.m.

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

Faith is a little like a rose bush – it flourishes when it is nurtured, cared for, and given space to grow.

Deep roots. New growth. A stronger 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 Simon Lewis, Sub-Dean, who will be happy to answer your questions.

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>

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>

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, 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.
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17 MONDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Colne Singers)

18 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Colne Singers)

19 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Colne Singers)

20 THURSDAY: Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153

11.30 a.m. **Mothers' Union Prayers**

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

21 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Colne Singers)

22 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

12 noon – **Meet the Sikhs**, Cathedral Green

4.00 p.m.

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Colne Singers)

23 SUNDAY: THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (The Colne Singers)

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

Readings: Exodus 1.8 – 2.10; Matthew 16. 13-20

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (The Colne Singers)

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