

The Chapter Letter

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 23 August 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 175 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*, is presiding and preaching at St Andrew's Church, Taunton 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 Colne Singers who have sung the services so beautifully this week. The Colne Singers formed in 2010 and have sung Summer residencies in 15 English Cathedrals, together with St George's Chapel, Windsor and Westminster Abbey. They take their name from the town of Colne, Lancashire and the River Colne, Essex, which are close to the homes of the choir's two music directors: Graham Moon and Mark Bellis.

A number of their singers hail from East Anglia and Lancashire as well as from other parts of the country. Their recent residencies include: Norwich, Hereford, Canterbury, Durham and Winchester. They are delighted to be contributing to the worship in Wells Cathedral this year.

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 consider yourself a newcomer to the Cathedral community, you are warmly invited to come along for welcome drinks **this morning** in The Loft café after coffee. It will be a relaxed opportunity to meet others and feel more at home in the Cathedral community.

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 an item, a box will be placed in the Virgers' vestry. 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!

Introducing Rhys Minterne: *Hello, my name is Rhys and I come from a small village, Hartley Wintney in Hampshire, within the Diocese of Winchester. Over the past year and a*

half, I have had the privilege to serve as an intern at my home parish, St John's Church, an experience that has been enriching and a real blessing. I am so delighted to be joining the Ministry Experience Scheme this September and look forward to becoming part of the Cathedral community. Cathedrals have always held a special place in my heart. Alongside their remarkable beauty and rich history, they are centres of prayer, worship and welcome, drawing people from many different backgrounds. They are the heart of the diocese and so many people find peace, healing and a sense of God's presence. I hope for this year to grow in my faith and discern where God may be calling me. I am so grateful for this opportunity, and I am so excited to worship alongside you all.

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 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.

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.

Lunchtime Concert: Sine Nomine choir, based in the town of Rugby, are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year and are delighted to be singing in Wells this coming week. On **Thursday 27 August** at **1.05 p.m.**, they will be giving a Lunchtime Concert. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

Kinda Dusty: On **Friday 28 August** at **7.30 p.m.**, Kinda Dusty presents Meatloaf by Candlelight. On **Saturday 29 August** at **7.30 p.m.**, the same company presents Eagles by Candlelight. Tickets for both concerts are available via the Cathedral website.

Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir: 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 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 Canon 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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24 MONDAY: Bartholomew the Apostle

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** (Sine Nomine)

25 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Sine Nomine)

26 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Sine Nomine)

27 THURSDAY: Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Sine Nomine

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

28 FRIDAY: Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Sine Nomine)

7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Kinda Dusty presents Meatloaf by Candlelight

29 SATURDAY: Beheading of John the Baptist

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Sine Nomine)

7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Kinda Dusty presents Eagles by Candlelight

30 SUNDAY: THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** and Baptism (Sine Nomine)

Preacher: The Reverend Rosey Lunn, *Priest Vicar*

Readings: Exodus 3.1–15; Matthew 16.21–28

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Sine Nomine)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*