

The Chapter Letter

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 30 August 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 176 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*, is presiding and preaching at a United Benefice service at St Paul's Church, Easton today. We pray that both he and the congregations will be blessed by their time together.

The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, is preaching at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, New York (USA) today. We pray that 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 Sine Nomine who have sung our services so beautifully this week. Sine Nomine choir, based in the town of Rugby, are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year and are delighted to be singing in Wells again. Over the last few years, they have enjoyed leading the worship at Cathedrals across the country including St. Paul's, Truro, Canterbury, St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and York Minster. They also perform charity concerts and recitals. Later in the year, they are giving a recital of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams at Holy Trinity, Coventry for their Organ Appeal.

Announcement of new member of Wells Cathedral Chapter: The Dean writes: After a thorough recruitment and interview process, I am delighted to inform you that Maureen Boylan has been appointed as a lay member of the Chapter of Wells Cathedral. Maureen will be well known to many of you as she currently holds many roles in the Cathedral. She brings considerable skills, expertise, and wisdom which are vital to supporting and enabling the work of this place. On behalf of us all, I want to thank her for being willing to serve in this way, and I know that you will all make her very welcome. Her installation will take place on **Thursday 5 November** at **5.15 p.m.** during Choral Evensong and you are all most welcome to attend.

Myth Meets Faith at Wells Cathedral: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Mythical Creatures summer visitor experience such a success.

Inspired by illustrations featured in *Historia Naturalis*, a 17th century natural history book held in our medieval Chained Library, the trail invited visitors to discover dragons, unicorns, griffins and phoenixes throughout the Cathedral, encouraging people to explore our architecture, stories and heritage in fresh and imaginative ways.

Attracting media exposure both nationally and internationally, this high-impact experience brought a huge number of family visitors through our doors, with some local families returning multiple times throughout the school holiday period. The first six weeks of Mythical Creatures attracted a 217% increase in child admissions, compared with the previous six weeks. Overall admissions increased by 27% in the same period.

Most importantly, Mythical Creatures has shown how Wells Cathedral can combine worship, learning, creativity and hospitality – opening our doors to new audiences and sharing a sense of joy, wonder and welcome with people of all ages. Due to popular demand, the experience has been extended up to and including Sunday 6 September.

Welcome back, and welcome to Wells: Wells Cathedral Choir is delighted to be returning to sing the services after the summer break.

At the Choir's first service, Choral Evensong at **5.15 p.m. on Saturday 5 September**, we will welcome seven new Choristers to the Cathedral Choir – Guy, Rory, Felix, Elsie, Rachel, Eleanor, and Jasmine. We also welcome new Choral Scholars Beth, Toby, and Archie, and new Organ Scholar Alastair.

Congratulations to the Choristers who will receive medals at the service: George (Head Boy Chorister), Henry (Deputy Head Boy Chorister), Austin (Iain Ball Chorister), Celine (Head Girl Chorister), Grace and Arya (Deputy Head Girl Choristers), and Gabriela (Tudway-Quilter Chorister).

Save the Date: The next Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday 20 September at 12.30 p.m.** You are warmly invited to bring a packed lunch and join us. Please email Jonathan Rodd at Jonathan.Rodd@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.

Introducing Rhys Minterne, our new Ministry Experience Scheme student:

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.

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?

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>

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 English 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>

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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31 MONDAY: Aiden, bishop, missionary, 651

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

1 TUESDAY

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

2 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

3 THURSDAY: Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

4 FRIDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

5 SATURDAY

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** marking the beginning of the Cathedral Choir Year (Great Choir)

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

6 SUNDAY: THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (All Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, former Bishop of Southwark, and Bishop Protector of the Community of St Francis (CSF), European Province

Readings: Exodus 12. 1-14; Matthew 18. 15-20

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

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

6.30 p.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**