

# The Chapter Letter

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 6 September 2026



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 179 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.

**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.

**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.

**Lunchtime Organ Recital:** The next lunchtime Organ Recital will take place on **Thursday 10 September at 1.05 p.m.**, and will be given by Carolyn Craig, Assistant Director of Music at Wells Cathedral. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Grand Organ Appeal. For further details see: [www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk](http://www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk)

**The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage – Lead Kindly Light:** On **Friday 11 September at 7.30 p.m.**, The Sixteen will be performing majestic music from the Spanish

Renaissance alongside spellbinding works from James MacMillan and Kerensa Briggs. To book tickets, visit: <https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2026-wells>

**SOUP!** returns to Wells Cathedral on **Saturday 12 September** at **1.00 p.m.** (arrive by 12.40 p.m to get a good seat), supporting four more local causes. Enjoy a bowl of soup and bread, prepared by Fresh & Good, and listen to four local groups explain how they plan to use the funding. At the end of the talks, you will cast a vote to decide which project receives the largest share of the money raised. This is a simple and enjoyable way to support your community and meet new people. Minimum donation: £7 per person (includes soup, bread, and a vote).

**Installation of Mr James Davies as the new Headmaster of Wells Cathedral School:** On **Sunday 13 September** at Choral Evensong, James Davies will be installed as the new Headmaster. This will be followed by a drinks reception in Cedars Drawing Room. If you would like to attend the reception, please RSVP by 7 September to Christine Edwards, PA to the Headmaster 01749 834212 or [c.edwards@wells.cathedral.school](mailto:c.edwards@wells.cathedral.school)

**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 [office@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mews2@tiscali.co.uk) or Wendy Haslam – [pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jill.edmonds@wellscathedral.org.uk) or Joanne Austin, Diocesan and Safeguarding Case Worker, 01749 588905, [joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org) or Ben Goodhind, Diocesan and Cathedral Safeguarding Manager, 01749 588917, [ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org)

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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.

#### **7 MONDAY: Eve of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

#### **8 TUESDAY: Accession of His Majesty King Charles III, 2022**

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † marking the Accession of King Charles (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)

#### **9 WEDNESDAY**

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

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

#### **10 THURSDAY**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital** Carolyn Craig, *Assistant Director of Music, Wells Cathedral*

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

#### **11 FRIDAY**

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

7.30 p.m. **Concert:** The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage – Lead Kindly Light

#### **12 SATURDAY**

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.00 p.m. **SOUP!**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** celebrating 150 years of the Diocesan Mothers Union (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)

#### **13 SUNDAY: THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

Preacher: The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, *Bishop of Bath and Wells*  
Readings: Exodus 14. 19-31; Matthew 18. 21-35

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** incorporating the Installation of the new Headmaster of Wells Cathedral School (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)  
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*