

The Chapter Letter

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 9 August 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Tenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 172 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.

Visiting Choirs: Many thanks to the choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull, who have been singing the Cathedral services this week. St Alphege has a flourishing choral tradition, with boys', girls', women's, and men's choirs singing in a variety of combinations. Led by Director of Music Christopher Martin Thomas and Assistant Organist Harry Brown, we have been delighted to welcome them to Wells Cathedral.

Taste and See: The Cathedral Meditation Group is an opportunity to share in thirty minutes of silent prayer which follows a brief introduction. Such prayer is a chance to deepen our personal relationship with God and to contribute to the prayer-life of the Cathedral. All are most welcome. The next session will be on **Monday 10 August**, at **6.00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel. If you are just coming for the meditation, please enter via the North Door.

Organ Recital: The next lunchtime Organ Recital will take place on **Thursday 13 August** at **1.05 p.m.**, and will be given by Kathe Wright Kaufman, Associate Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, South Carolina, USA. 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

Texts of Sermons and Talks: Texts of many sermons and talks are available on the Cathedral website. If you would like to revisit a sermon or talk, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/talks-and-sermons>

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 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.

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 11 and 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 12 and 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.

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 programme includes the Bach's Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Mendelssohn's Sonata No 3 in A major, Durufle's Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, together with short works by Elgar, Ghislaine Reece-Trapp and Nico Muhly.

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>

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.

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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10 MONDAY: Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

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

11 TUESDAY: Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

12 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

6.00 p.m. Wells and Mendip Astronomers solar eclipse viewing, Cathedral Green

13 THURSDAY: Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital:** Kathe Wright Kaufman, Associate Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, South Carolina, USA

5.15 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

14 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Festal Evensong** † (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

15 SATURDAY: The Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

5.15 p.m. **Festal Eucharist** † (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

16 SUNDAY: THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*

Readings: Genesis 45.1–15; Matthew 15.10–28

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Choir of Wantage Parish Church)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Precentor*