Cathedral Newsletter

Sunday 1 November 2026 | All Saints' Day

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 welcome to stay and enjoy time together over tea and filter coffee after both Festal Matins and Festal Eucharist, where there are Welcomers available - please do seek them out if you have questions or simply to chat.

For Your Prayers

In our regular cycle of prayer, today we pray for:
In the Cathedral Community: The Development Office (Georgina Landau, Sarah Purdon, Katie Parker and Connie Wilkinson)
In the Diocese: Wincanton
In the Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Civic: Yeovil District Hospital

This Sunday: **Sunday 1 November 2026 | All Saints' Day**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for All Saints' Day begin on page 233 of the Book of Common Prayer.
10.30 am FESTAL MATINS †
Preacher: Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ, *Senior Research Fellow of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge*
3.00 pm FESTAL EUCHARIST †
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*

Week at a Glance: **Monday 26 October – Sunday 1 November 2026**

Monday – Friday (inclusive): The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 am in the Lady Chapel.

Monday 2 November
9.00 am TALK: 'Prayer and the Heart'
5.15 pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST †
6.15 pm TALK: 'All Preachers Great and Small'

Tuesday 3 November
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 4 November
10.00 am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Thursday 5 November
1.00 pm EUCHARIST attended by the Chapter
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG with Installation of a new Chapter member

Friday 6 November
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 7 November
8.00 am MORNING PRAYER
2.00 pm DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Next Sunday: **Sunday 8 November | Remembrance Sunday**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Preacher: The Reverend Alastair Blaine, *Royal Naval Chaplain*
Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 6. 12-16; Matthew 25. 1-13
3.00 pm DEVOTIONAL PERFORMANCE: Gabriel Fauré's Requiem

For full details of services and music, please see the monthly Services and Music List.

Notices

Russell Bowman-Eadie: There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Canon Russell Bowman-Eadie at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 18 November** in the Quire. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and all are warmly welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend, please email Jonathan Rodd: *jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk*

All Souls Day: A list is available outside the Virgers' Vestry for those who would like to add the names of the departed to be remembered. These names will be read out during the Solemn Eucharist at **5.15 pm**. on All Souls' Day tomorrow, **Monday 2 November**.

Prayer and the Heart: Our preacher at Festal Matins this morning will be Sister Gemma Simmonds, *Senior Research Fellow of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge*. Gemma will close our Year of Prayer with a sermon on Prayer and the Heart. She will follow-up this sermon with a session in the Education Room at **9.00 am** tomorrow, **Monday 2 November.** If you would like to attend, please email Jonathan Rodd: *jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk*

Gather and Chat: On **Monday 2 November** and **Monday 7 December**, from **10.00 am - 11.00 am,** join members of the Pastoral Care Team in The Loft café for coffee and conversation. Members of the pastoral care team will be there with coffee. Come along and meet others. For more information, contact Wendy Haslam: *pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk*

All Preachers Great and Small: On **Monday 2 November** at **6.15 pm** in the Education Room, The Reverend Andrew Bell, our local Methodist minister, will give an illustrated talk about the pitfalls of ministry in the Yorkshire Dales. If you would like to attend, please email Jonathan Rodd: *jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk* Donations are invited to support Bible translation in the Congo.

Monthly Reading Group: Canon Megan writes: Some members of the congregation and I are looking to start a monthly reading group with a broad range of subjects focused on faith and theology. We will welcome everyone who is interested in reading books or chunks of books about theology, but **no prior theological experience or education is required!** There will be an initial conversation about what this might look like at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday 4 November** at the home of Gordon and Margaret Wilson (1 Chamberlain Street, BA5 2PE) and we plan to meet next after that on **Thursday 17 December** at **3.30 pm**.

Installation of new Chapter member: On **Thursday 5 November**, Maureen Boylan will be installed as a member of the Chapter at Choral Evensong at **5.15 pm**. 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. You are all most warmly invited to attend and support Maureen.

Safeguarding Forum: All volunteers and members of the congregation are warmly invited to join our Safeguarding Forum. This will take place on **Monday 9 November** from **3.00 pm until 4.30 pm** in the Education Room. Bring your questions, experience, and ideas as we work together to strengthen our commitment to a safe and caring church community. Help make Safeguarding Sunday (15 November) relevant and specific to us in Wells. Refreshments available. For further information, please contact: Patricia Hellier, Safeguarding Champion – *patricia.h@clarinet.me.uk* or Wendy Haslam, Pastoral Care Coordinator – *pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk*

Interfaith and Multicultural Celebration: On **Tuesday 17 November**, from 7.00 pm until 9.30 pm, there will be an interfaith week event entitled *Finding Peace Together* at Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2RH. All are welcome. Entry is free but donations are welcome on the night. For further information, email *info@spiritofpeace.co.uk*

Charity Quiz Night: Join us on Saturday 21 November for a festive Charity Christmas Quiz Night hosted by The Loft in support of the Hidden Harm Project, which provides support for children and families across Somerset affected by domestic abuse during the Christmas period. Doors open at 6.30 pm, with the quiz beginning at 7.00 pm. Teams can consist of up to six people, and entry is £5 per person. To reserve your place or for further information, please email *info@thehiddenharmproject.co.uk*

Looking Ahead

Remembrance: On **Sunday 8 November** at **3.00 p.m.,** the Cathedral Choir will give a devotional performance of Gabriel Fauré's beautiful and moving Requiem. Framed by prayers and reflection, this special service offers an opportunity to remember those who have died in war and conflict, and to pray for peace. The service concludes with the Cathedral's traditional poppy drop. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral.

Act of Remembrance: On Armistice Day, **Wednesday 11 November,** there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the North Transept at **11.00 a.m**. These gatherings have grown markedly in recent years.

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