

# The Chapter Letter

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 11 October 2026



**8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP):** The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 186 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*, is presiding and preaching at St Catherine's Church, Drayton 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.

**Wells Art Contemporary:** From **Saturday 10 October** to **Saturday 7 November**, you can enjoy an international exhibition of innovative contemporary art in the stunning setting of Wells Cathedral. The exhibition features works across painting, sculpture, photography, digital media, textiles, and more, divided between an extensive white-wall exhibition in the Cloisters and many installations around the building itself.

**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 tomorrow, **Monday 12 October**, at **6.00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel. If you are just coming for the meditation, please enter via the North Door.

**Choral Evensong:** On **Wednesday 14 October** at **5.15 p.m.**, Monkton Combe School Chapel Choir will be singing Evensong. The choir is an un-auditioned choir of Year 9 to Year 13 students from Monkton Combe School. In the past, this ensemble has had the privilege of singing Evensong in churches across the country, including St Paul's Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol, and Bath Abbey. They are conducted by Joseph Goody.

**Lunchtime Concert:** On **Tuesday 13 October** at **1.05 p.m.**, St Agnes Singers will be giving a lunchtime concert. Entry included with admission with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral.

**Concerts:** On **Friday 16 October** at **7.30 p.m.**, Kinda Dusty presents Celine Dion by Candlelight. On **Saturday 17 October** at **7.30 p.m.**, Kinda Dusty present Coldplay by Candlelight. Tickets for both concerts are now available: <https://boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com/events/kindadustyltd?venue=Wells+Cathedral>

### **Half-Term Holiday Activities: Taking Time**

Explore the time-themed installations from Wells Art Contemporary and join us for family fun, fashioning your own creations!

**Make a Sand Timer: Tuesday 27 October, 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** Make and decorate your own mini hourglass.

**The Cathedral's Incredible Clock: Wednesday 28 October, 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** Learn about the Cathedral's astronomical clock and make a 2D version with moving hands.

**Spinning Seasons and Optical Illusions: Thursday 29 October, 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** Draw, colour, cut and fold to make a four seasons wheel or a day and night agamograph.

Admission FREE with entry to the Cathedral. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**All Preachers Great and Small:** On **Monday 2 November** at **6.15 p.m.** 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](mailto:jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk)

**Russell Bowman-Eadie:** Please note that a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Russell Bowman-Eadie will be held at **2.00 p.m.** on **Wednesday 18 November**, followed by refreshments. To assist with catering arrangements, please let us know if you are planning to attend by emailing [office@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@wellscathedral.org.uk)

**Supper invitation:** The Dean is hosting an informal supper at the Deanery on **Wednesday 18 November** at **6.30 p.m.** for those in their 20s, 30s, 40s and early 50s. Whether you are new to the Cathedral community or have been around for a while, this will be a relaxed opportunity to enjoy good food, meet other people and make new connections. If you would like to come, please email Jonathan Rodd to reserve a place ([jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk)) and please let us know of any food allergies or dietary requirements. We hope it will be an enjoyable evening and a chance to bring together people from across our Cathedral community.

**Carols by Candlelight:** A much-loved highlight of the festive calendar, the highly anticipated Carols by Candlelight concerts return to Wells Cathedral this Christmas with three performances on **Saturday 19, Sunday 20 and Monday 21 December**. With performances from the Cathedral Choir and guest readers from the local community, these concerts offer an unforgettable evening in the spectacular glow of more than 3000 candles. If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/book-carols-by-candlelight-tickets>

**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>

**USPG:** Any stamp, coin, postcard or badge (civil or military, fabric or metal) can be of benefit to the Anglican mission United Society Partners in the Gospel. Please place in the box on the table in the North Transept. Very many thanks to all contributors.

**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)

## This week at Wells Cathedral

### Monday – Friday (inclusive)

The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

**12 MONDAY:** Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709

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

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

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

**13 TUESDAY:** Edward the Confessor, king, 1066

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** St Agnes Singers

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

### 14 WEDNESDAY

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

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Monkton Combe School Chapel Choir)

**15 THURSDAY:** Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

11.30 a.m. **Mothers' Union Prayers** in the Lady Chapel

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

### 16 FRIDAY

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

7.30 p.m. **Concert:** Kinda Dusty presents 'Celine Dion by Candlelight'

**17 SATURDAY:** Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

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

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

### 18 SUNDAY: LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** † (Schola Cantorum and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*

Readings: *Isaiah 35. 3-6; Luke 10. 1-9*

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

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*