Cathedral Newsletter

Sunday 15 November 2026 | The Second Sunday before Advent
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 the Cathedral 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: Jonathan Rodd, *Executive Assistant to the Dean*
In the Diocese: St Martin, Worle
In the Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Civic: Food banks and food network coordinators within the county

This Sunday: **Sunday 15 November 2026 | The Second Sunday before Advent**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity begin on page 194 of the Book of Common Prayer.
10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
3.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG celebrating the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*

Week at a Glance: **Monday 9 November – Sunday 15 November 2026**

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

Monday 16 November
8.50 am WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday 17 November
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
7.30 pm CONCERT: *G4 Christmas*

Wednesday 18 November
10.00 am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
2.00 pm THANKSGIVING SERVICE for the Life of
The Reverend Canon Russell Bowman-Eadie
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Thursday 19 November
11.30 MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS
1.05 pm LUNCHTIME CONCERT: *Opus 4 Recorder Ensemble*
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
7.30 pm CONCERT: Vicars' Choral

Friday 20 November
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 21 November
8.00 am MORNING PRAYER
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
7.30 pm CONCERT: *Bowie by Candlelight*

Next Sunday: **Sunday 22 November | Christ the King**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
10.30 am FESTAL EUCHARIST †
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Readings: *Ezekiel 34: 11-16 and 20-24; Matthew 25: 31- end*
3.00 pm FESTAL EVENSONG †
Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*

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

Notices

Wells Cathedral Chapter is seeking to nominate a new Trustee to the Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust: For more than 1,100 years, since 909, choristers have been at the heart of the musical and worshipping life of Wells Cathedral. Choristers attend Wells Cathedral School, combining an exceptional musical education with their academic studies and playing a vital role in the Cathedral's daily worship. We are looking for someone with a passion for the chorister

cause who would like to help support the young people who carry this magnificent tradition forward. The Trust, chaired by Arnold Wills, raises funds to support choristerships and to help ensure that talented children can benefit from this unique experience, whatever their financial circumstances. You do not need to have previous experience as a trustee. We are particularly interested in hearing from someone who cares about music, education, young people and the future of Wells Cathedral's extraordinary chorister tradition.

For more information about the Trust, please visit *www.wcct.co.uk* or email the Chair at *chair@wcct.co.uk* A role description is available from Fiona Clapp, Clerk to the Trustees (*clerk@wcct.co.uk*) and applications (a C.V. and a covering letter) should also be sent to her by **11 December 2026**. Interviews will be held in January.

Welcome Hamper for the new Archdeacon of Wells: We'd love to extend a warm welcome to the Reverend Jo Stobart, the new Archdeacon of Wells, who will be licensed, collated and installed at **3.00pm** on **Sunday 6 December**, by putting together a thoughtful hamper for her arrival. If you would like to contribute, a collection box will be placed in the Virgers' vestry for any donations. Small treats, toiletries, biscuits, sweets or other thoughtful items would all be appreciated. The final day for contributions will be Sunday 29 November. Thank you for helping us make her arrival feel special!

The Reverend Joanna Stobart writes: By the time you read this, I will just have finished my role as Chaplain to the Bishop of Exeter. After what has seemed a long wait, the countdown to our move to Wells will have begun in earnest. I grew up in West London, but since 2006 Somerset has been my home. So, after a brief sojourn in Devon (which we've loved) there's a sense of coming home – but to a new role and new challenges. I was ordained deacon in Wells Cathedral in 2016 and served my title and first incumbency here in Bath and Wells. I've just been re-elected to General Synod and currently serve as a central member of the Crown Nominations Commission, the body which nominates diocesan bishops. Before ordination, I studied medieval history at university, trained as a primary school teacher and set up Southwark Cathedral's Education Centre. I was also Lay Chaplain at the High School in Cheddar for several years. I'm married to Ian, who is a (semi-retired) vet, a Reader and Spiritual Director. I have three grown-up sons: Tristan (a teacher), Tom (who works for the University of Exeter and will be moving with us to Wells) and Callum (studying for a PhD in marine biology). We own two daft Springer Spaniels, who will definitely enjoy our new garden after our bijou one in central Exeter! We're very much looking forward to joining you and discovering all that God is doing in you and through you. Please do pray for us as we move home, and for me as I step into my role both at the Cathedral and as Archdeacon of Wells.

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. If you would like to come, please email Jonathan Rodd to reserve a place (*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.

Temporary closure of Cathedral library: Please note that the library will be closed on **19 and 20 November** for the installation of a new CCTV system.

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*

Vicars' Choral Commemoration Concert: On **Thursday 19 November** at **7.30 pm**, the Vicars Choral of Wells Cathedral Choir commemorate the 14th-century founding of Vicars' Close in an ambitious programme of choral music, tracing the entire history of music – from plainchant to Dolly Parton! Tickets, priced at £20, are available through the Cathedral website.

Advent Group: On **Monday 30 November,** Dean Toby and Maggie Hunter will be leading an Advent Group in the Education Room, from **9.00 am until 11.15 am**. Our experience of Advent changes with each passing year while the themes and readings stay the same. What is Advent for you now? The group offers an opportunity to create, share and reflect on personal images of our spiritual journeys as the season of waiting and preparing for Christmas begins. Please bring with you a small object that expresses something about yourself that you would like to share. **Places are limited and advance booking is essential.** To reserve a place, please contact Jonathan Rodd at *jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk*. Suggested donation of £5 to cover coffee and pastry.

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