

Cathedral Newsletter



Sunday 18 October 2026 | Luke the Evangelist

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.

For Your Prayers

In the Cathedral Community: Governance Officer, Jo Sleight

In the Diocese: Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton and Lilstock, Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch and Stringston

In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada

Civic: Domestic abuse support services

This Sunday: Sunday 18 October 2026 | Luke the Evangelist

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Luke the Evangelist begin on page 229 of the Book of Common Prayer.

10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

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

3.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

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

Week at a Glance: Monday 19 - Sunday 25 October 2026

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

Monday 19 October

5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 20 October

5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 21 October

10.00 am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 22 October

5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Friday 23 October

5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 24 October

8.00 am MORNING PRAYER

5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Next Sunday: Sunday 25 October | Bible Sunday

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*

Readings: Deuteronomy 34. 1-12; Matthew 22. 34-46

3.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*

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

Notices

June Matthews: We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of June Matthews. June's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 27 October** at **12 noon** in the Quire. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and all are warmly welcome to attend. In honour of June's lifelong love of flowers, both through her personal life and her teaching career, those attending are invited to wear a flower, either wild or cultivated. Please remember Melvyn and his family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Visiting Choirs: Ibstock Place School Choir, based in south west London, will be singing Evensong from Monday to Wednesday inclusive. The choir is at the heart of a thriving music department and enjoys a strong tradition of choral singing. On Friday, we welcome back the choir of St John's Church, Glastonbury under their Director of Music, Matthew Redman. The Wingrave Singers, a chamber choir formed in 1977 in the village of Wingrave in Buckinghamshire, will sing the services on Saturday and Sunday.

Half Term Holiday Activities: 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 am - 3.30 pm Make and decorate your own mini hourglass.

The Cathedral's Incredible Clock: Wednesday 28 October, 10.30 am. - 3.30 pm 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 am- 3.30 pm 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.

Prayer and the Heart: On **Sunday 1 November**, our preacher at Festal Matins at 10.30 am will be Sister Gemma Simmonds, *Senior Fellow and Director of Religious Life Institute*. 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** on **Monday 2 November**. If you would like to attend, please email Jonathan Rodd: jonathan.rodd@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.

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) 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.

Looking Ahead

All Souls Day: On this day, Christians remember and pray for the faithful departed, giving thanks for their lives and commending them to God's love and mercy. 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, **Monday 2 November**.

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