Cathedral Newsletter

Sunday 25 October 2026 | Bible Sunday

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: Nerys Watts (COO) and Debbie Jones (PA to the COO and Chapter Clerk)
In the Diocese: Bruton, Bewham, Pitcombe and Shepton Montague
In the Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Civic: The Bishop's Palace Trust

Out and About

The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*, is officiating at the Quantock Deanery Evensong service in Cannington this afternoon. We pray that both he and those from the Deanery will be blessed by their time together.

This Sunday: **Sunday 25 October 2026 | Bible Sunday**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Twenty First Sunday after Trinity begin on page 190 of the Book of Common Prayer.
10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
3.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
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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 26 October

5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday 27 October

12 noon FUNERAL SERVICE for June Matthews
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Wednesday 28 October

10.00 am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Thursday 29 October

5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Friday 30 October

5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER
7.30 pm CONCERT: Kinda Dusty presents *Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons*

Saturday 31 October

8.00 am MORNING PRAYER
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Next Sunday: **Sunday 1 November | All Saints' Day**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
10.30 am FESTAL MATINS
Preacher: Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ, *Senior Fellow and Director of Religious Life Institute*
Readings: Isaiah 35; Luke 9. 18-27
3.00 pm FESTAL EUCHARIST
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tim Stevens, *Canon Precentor*
Readings: Revelation 7. 9-end; Matthew 5. 1-12

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.

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*

Half Term Holiday Activities: Join us for time-themed family fun, inspired by Wells Art Contemporary!
Tuesday 27 October: Make and decorate your own mini hourglass.
Wednesday 28 October: Discover the Cathedral's astronomical clock and make your own moving version
Thursday 29 October: Create a four seasons wheel or optical illusion.
10.30 am – 3.30 pm. Free with Cathedral entry. No booking needed, just drop in. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Prayer and the Heart: On **Sunday 1 November,** our preacher at Festal Matins at 10.30 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*

Welcome Drinks: If you consider yourself a newcomer to the Cathedral community, you are invited to come along for welcome drinks on **Sunday 1 November** in The Deanery after coffee. It will be a relaxed opportunity to meet others and feel more at home in the Cathedral community. If you would like to attend, please email Jonathan Rodd.

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*

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!** We plan to have an initial conversation about what this might look like at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday 4 November** (venue tbc), and we plan to meet next after that on **Thursday 17 December** at **3.30 pm**. Please contact Jonathan Rodd to express interest so that we have some idea of the right size venues to meet. The first venue will be advertised in the Cathedral Newsletter on Sunday 1 November.

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. Donations are invited to support Bible translation in the Congo.

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*

Cathedral Curate: Edward will be presiding for the last time as Cathedral Curate at the BCP Eucharist on **Sunday 15 November**, and also preaching at the Cathedral Eucharist that morning. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Edward, this can be done in either of the following ways:

- A BACS transfer (Account: 52164330 Sort code: 60-23-06) ref: Edward Day
- A cheque made out to 'Wells Cathedral', addressed to the Accounts Department ref: Edward Day

Looking Ahead

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

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