Cathedral Newsletter

Sunday 29 November 2026 | Advent 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 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: David Bevan, Digital Services
In the Diocese: Holy Trinity, Frome
In the Anglican Communion: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Civic: Youth workers across the county

This Sunday: **Sunday 29 November 2026 | Advent Sunday**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer)
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent begin on page 47 of the Book of Common Prayer.
10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST †
Preacher: The Very Reverend Toby Wright, *Dean of Wells*
Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-end
3.00 pm EVENING PRAYER *in Vicars' Close Chapel*
5.00 pm ADVENT PROCESSION WITH CAROLS † ***Please be seated by 4.45 pm.***

Week at a Glance: **Monday 30 November – Sunday 6 December 2026**

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

Monday 30 November: St Andrew's Day
9.15 am FESTAL EUCHARIST † (attended by Wells Cathedral School)
5.15 pm FESTAL EUCHARIST †

Tuesday 1 December
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 2 December
10.00 am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER
7.30 pm CRISPIN SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 3 December
11.30 am MOTHERS' UNION PRAYERS
12.30 pm EUCHARIST attended by Chapter
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
7.00 pm CONCERT: Opus Anglicanum

Friday 4 December
1.05 pm LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Primary Outreach
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 5 December
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
7.00 pm CONCERT: Handel's *Messiah*

Next Sunday: **Sunday 6 December | The Second Sunday of Advent**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Simon Lewis, *Sub Dean*
Readings: Isaiah 40. 1-11; Mark 1. 1-8
3.00 pm LICENSING, COLLATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND JOANNA STOBART AS ARCHDEACON OF WELLS

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

Notices

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. Thank you for helping us make her arrival feel special!

The East Window of the Lady Chapel is currently in a very delicate condition, and its removal is urgently required to prevent further decline. For the next two weeks Holy Well Glass will be removing this fragile glass and installing solid polycarbonate sheeting, with a printed image of the window in its place. During this time services normally held in the Lady Chapel have been relocated to St Catherine's Chapel. We thank you for your patience.

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 **Friday 11 December 2026**. Interviews will be held in January.

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.

Imaging the Story is a course about creativity, art and faith. The content explores key biblical themes through art history and art making and presents fresh ways to engage with the salvation story. No particular artistic experience or skill is required - just a willingness to have a go! The 9-session course will begin on 20 January and continues on alternate Wednesdays until 19 May from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. The course takes place in the Cathedral, apart from the first two sessions which will be in Wells Museum. The cost is £110 and includes the course book, all materials and refreshments. For further information please speak with Revd Gill Sakakini, Priest Missioner, who will be leading the course or email: *gill.sakakini@wellscathedral.org.uk*. To book your place please visit *https://www.imagingthestory.com*

'Write for Rights': Amnesty International Wells Group are holding a 'Write for Rights' stall in the Cathedral Cloisters on **Tuesday 1 December** from **11.00 am – 2.00 pm** and invite people to come and share compassion and love at this season with prisoners of conscience around the world by signing cards and writing hopeful messages. There will also be a stall on **Saturday 5 December** from **10.00 am – 3.00 pm** in Penniless Porch.

Advent Quiet Day: On **Friday 4 December** at **9.30 am for 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**, The Reverend Narinder Tegally will be leading an Advent Quiet Day at The Ammerdown Centre, BA3 5SW. Through prayer, Imaginative Contemplation using 'Lectio Divina', music, art, reflection and silence, participants will journey together to prepare and wait for the time when Jesus Christ will come again. The cost of the day is £65, which includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. To book a place, please visit *www.ammerdown.org*

Invitation: As a thank you for the warm support of the Cathedral community over the last five years, the Ukrainian community of Wells invites you to join them at their annual Saint Nicholas Day Vespers on **Friday 4 December** at **7.00 pm**. It will be led by Bath Orthodox Church and held at St Thomas Anglican Church in Wells. Further details from Jonathan LLoyd: *ctogethersomerset@gmail.com*

A request from the Head Virger: Our Candlelight Carol Concerts are fast approaching, and we are looking for volunteers to help light candles at ground level before each concert. If you would be willing to assist with this important task on **Saturday 19, Sunday 20 or Monday 21 December** and help create the beautiful atmosphere that makes these concerts so special, please speak to Tim Jones, Head Virger, for further information.

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