Cathedral Newsletter

Sunday 8 November 2026 | Remembrance 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: The Reverend Canon Simon Lewis, *Sub-Dean*
In the Diocese: St Nicholas and St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare
In the Anglican Communion: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Civic: St Cuthbert's Infant and Junior Schools

This Sunday: **Sunday 8 November 2026 | Remembrance Sunday**

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 Alastair Blaine, *Royal Naval Chaplain*
3.00 pm DEVOTIONAL PERFORMANCE: Gabriel Fauré's Requiem

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 9 November
8.50 am WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SERVICE
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
6.00 pm TASTE AND SEE: Cathedral Meditation Group

Tuesday 10 November
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG, marking COP31

Wednesday 11 November
10.00 am MIDWEEK EUCHARIST
11.00 am ARMISTICE DAY ACT OF WORSHIP AT THE CLOCK
5.15 pm EVENING PRAYER

Thursday 12 November
1.05 pm LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Friday 13 November
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 14 November
8.00 am MORNING PRAYER
5.15 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
7.00 pm CONCERT: *The Music of Bob Chilcott*

Next Sunday: **Sunday 15 November | The Second Sunday before Advent**

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
10.30 am CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*
Readings: Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-end; Matthew 25: 14-30
3.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Megan Daffern, *Canon Chancellor*

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

Notices

Remembrance: This afternoon at **3.00 p.m.**, the Cathedral Choir will give a devotional performance of Gabriel Fauré's beautiful and moving *Requiem*. Framed by prayers and reflection, this special service offers an opportunity to remember those who have died in war and conflict, and to pray for peace. The service concludes with the Cathedral's traditional poppy drop. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral.

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*

Safeguarding Audit: Following our safeguarding audit by INEQE, an action plan was developed to strengthen and enhance our safeguarding practice. We are delighted to report that all of the actions identified have now been completed and are rated green. This achievement reflects the commitment and hard work of staff and volunteers across the Cathedral community in ensuring that safeguarding remains at the heart of all we do.

Cathedral Curate: Edward will be presiding for the last time as Cathedral Curate at the BCP Eucharist next 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

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!

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) or Wendy Haslam, (Pastoral Care Coordinator) *pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk*

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 9 November**, at **6.00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel. If you are just coming for the meditation, please enter via the North Door.

COP31: On **Tuesday 10 November**, there will be a special Evensong and reception to mark the start of COP31, the UN's annual climate change conference. Sara Harbron, *Climate Justice and Environment Advisor for the Diocese of Bath and Wells*, will speak at the reception. Wine will be served and donations are warmly invited to help cover the cost.

Act of Remembrance: On Armistice Day, **Wednesday 11 November,** there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the North Transept at **11.00 a.m**. These gatherings have grown markedly in recent years.

Lunchtime Organ Recital: The next lunchtime Organ Recital will take place on **Thursday 12 November** at **1.05 p.m.**, and will be given by John Butt, OBE. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Grand Organ Appeal. For further details see: *www.wellsgrandorganappeal.org.uk*

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*

Charity Quiz Night: Join us on **Saturday 21 November** for a festive Charity Christmas Quiz Night hosted by The Loft in support of the Hidden Harm Project, which provides support for children and families across Somerset affected by domestic abuse during the Christmas period. Doors open at 6.30 pm, with the quiz beginning at 7.00 pm. Teams can consist of up to six people, and entry is £5 per person. To reserve your place or for further information, please email *info@thehiddenharmproject.co.uk*

Looking Ahead

Advent Procession with Carols: On **Sunday 29 November** at **5.00 pm**, join us for a service of readings, traditional congregational carols and music for Advent, including the premiere of the winning composition from the Cathedral's Advent Carol Competition.

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