

The Chapter Letter

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 4 October 2026



8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP): The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity begin on page 185 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Welcome: 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.

The Dean's Sabbatical Leave: The Dean is to take Sabbatical Leave next year, from 10 May until 24 August, and we are delighted to be able to confirm that The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott has agreed to step in as Acting Dean during this period.

Sabbatical Leave is usual for clergy who work six days a week. Every seven to ten years, they are invited to take an extended period of Sabbatical, providing an important space for rest, learning and retreat. Toby plans to spend his Sabbatical at a centre for peace and meditation, as well as taking time to deepen learning from his Systems training in Constellations.

The Dedication Festival – Wednesday 7 October

Each year, we give thanks for the founding, the history, and the present ministry of the Cathedral. This year, The Reverend Dr Casey Strine, *Theological Advisor to the House of Bishops and Secretary for Theology and Minor Canon Theologian at Sheffield Cathedral* will be preaching at the Dedication Festival Eucharist. All are warmly invited to attend the service at 5.15 p.m. Prior to the service, at 4.00 p.m, in the Education Room, Casey will give a lecture entitled: *They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners: What does the Bible say about Migration?* If you would like to attend the lecture, please email Jonathan Rodd: jonathan.rodd@wellscathedral.org.uk

Gather and Chat: On the first Monday of each month, we plan to hold a coffee morning in The Loft. The first meeting will be tomorrow, **Monday 5 October** at **10.00 a.m.** Members of the Pastoral Care team will be there with coffee. Come and meet others you may or may not know. For more information, please ask Wendy Haslam. pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk or 07815 309527

Divine Light: You are invited to join the Friends for a very special event. On **Tuesday 6 October** at **10.30 a.m.** Janet Gough OBE will take us on a richly illustrated journey through 900 years of exceptional stained glass in England's cathedrals based on her book *Divine Light: The Stained Glass of England's Cathedrals*. The talk will be preceded by a tour of some of the Cathedral glass and followed by a finger buffet lunch in the Undercroft.

For more information, please see the News section of the Friends website (www.wellsfriends.org) or Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/divine-light-tickets-1997496937110?aff=oddtcreator>). We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special event.

Lunchtime Organ Recital: The next lunchtime Organ Recital will take place on **Thursday 8 October** at **1.05 p.m.**, and will be given by our Director of Music, Timothy Parsons. 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

Opening the Word: Tyndale, Translation & Transformation: On **Friday 9 October** from **9.00 a.m. until 6.30 p.m.**, there will be a major symposium at Wells Cathedral to celebrate the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's New Testament (1526), featuring seven internationally respected scholars of Bible translation, textual criticism, Reformation history and theology. Tickets can be purchased via our website using the link: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on?event=135149727>

Capture the Cathedral in a Drawing: On **Saturday 10 October**, from **10.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.**, you can pick up free art materials in the West Cloister and sketch your favourite parts of the Cathedral – vast spaces, tiny details or your own unique view. You can opt to have your drawing included in an online exhibition on both the Cathedral and Wells Art Contemporary websites.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass. There is no need to book – simply drop in on the day and enjoy a moment of focus and calm.

Wells Art Contemporary: From **Saturday 10 October** to **Saturday 7 November**, you can enjoy an international exhibition of innovative contemporary art in the stunning setting of Wells Cathedral. The exhibition features works across painting, sculpture, photography, digital media, textiles, and more, divided between an extensive white-wall exhibition in the Cloisters and many installations around the building itself.

Lunchtime Concert: Horizons of Bath: On **Saturday 10 October** at **1.05 p.m.** Horizons of Bath will give a lunchtime concert. Horizons Choir is a choir of 50 singers based in Bath, performing everything from 15th century polyphony, modern choral music and occasional pop songs. The concert will include: *Ave Verum Corpus* by Byrd *The Bluebird* by Stanford, *One Hand, One Heart* by Bernstein, *Alleluia* by Hagenburg. Admission is included with entry to the Cathedral, whether as a paid ticket or with a valid admission pass.

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 on **Monday 12 October**, at **6.00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel. If you are just coming for the meditation, please enter via the North Door.

An invitation from Natalie and Edward: Natalie Manning, *Vicar Choral*, and Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*, are delighted to invite members of the Cathedral congregation to join them for their wedding at Wells Cathedral on **Saturday 28 November** at **11.15 a.m.**, followed by a drinks reception in the Chapter House. The Cathedral community means a great deal to them, and it would be a great joy to have you there as they make their vows and begin this new chapter of their lives together. If you would like to come, please let them know by completing the form using the link below by 12 October. They very much hope that you will be able to celebrate with them! tinyurl.com/natalieandedward

Carols by Candlelight: A much-loved highlight of the festive calendar, the highly anticipated Carols by Candlelight concerts return to Wells Cathedral this Christmas with three performances on **Saturday 19, Sunday 20 and Monday 21 December**. With performances from the Cathedral Choir and guest readers from the local community, these concerts offer an unforgettable evening in the spectacular glow of more than 3000 candles. If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/book-carols-by-candlelight-tickets>

Can you help? Could you spare a few hours a month to help someone reach an important medical appointment? Wells Community Network is looking for friendly volunteer drivers in Wells and the surrounding villages. Choose only the journeys that suit you, and mileage expenses will be reimbursed to cover your costs. Email volunteers@wellscommunity.network to find out more.

Pastoral Care: Members of the Cathedral Pastoral Care team visit individuals as needed including the provision of home communion. Visits are co-ordinated by Wendy Haslam. If you have pastoral matters to raise or would like a visit, please contact Wendy on pastoralcare@wellscathedral.org.uk or 07815 309527. You can also call the Cathedral Office (01749 674483).

Safeguarding at Wells Cathedral: Wells Cathedral is committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details please visit: <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/safeguarding>

You can report a concern using the same online link or by contacting either Jill Edmonds, Cathedral Safeguarding Advisor, 07716431804, jill.edmonds@wellscathedral.org.uk or Joanne Austin, Diocesan and Safeguarding Case Worker, 01749 588905, joanne.austin@bathwells.anglican.org or Ben Goodhind, Diocesan and Cathedral Safeguarding Manager, 01749 588917, ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org

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.

This week at Wells Cathedral

Monday – Friday (inclusive)

The Morning Liturgy is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

5 MONDAY

8.50 a.m. **Wells Cathedral School Service**

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Vicars Choral)

6 TUESDAY: William Tyndale

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Song Squad and Youth Choir)

7 WEDNESDAY: Dedication Festival

10.00 a.m. **Eucharist** (Common Worship Order I, Traditional)

4.00 p.m. **Dedication Festival Lecture**

5.15 p.m. **Dedication Festival Eucharist** † (Senior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Casey Strine, *Theological Advisor to the House of Bishops and Secretary for Theology and Minor Canon Theologian at Sheffield Cathedral*

8 THURSDAY

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Organ Recital**, Timothy Parsons

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Junior Choristers and Vicars Choral)

9 FRIDAY

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Girl Choristers)

10 SATURDAY: Paulinus

8.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

1.05 p.m. **Lunchtime Concert:** Horizons of Bath

5.15 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir)

11 SUNDAY: THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (BCP), Quire/Presbytery

10.30 a.m. **Cathedral Eucharist** (Boy Choristers and Vicars Choral)

Preacher: The Reverend Edward Day, *Cathedral Curate*

Readings: *Exodus 32. 1-14; Matthew 22. 1-14*

3.00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** (Decani Vicars Choral)

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